

Reference: CU 2020/206(B)/DTA/CEB/ISS prevention of corruption

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) presents its compliments to the [[[AddressLine1]]] [[[ToUNOV]]] and has the honour to cordially invite the Government to participate as an observer in the eleventh session of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption, which will be held in a virtual format in Vienna from 30 June to 1 July 2020 and will consist of two two-hour meetings per day (the exact times and technical parameters for the session will be communicated at a later stage through the website of the Working Group on Prevention). The session was rescheduled from the original dates, which were 9 to 10 June 2020, following the recommendation of the Bureau of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption at its eighth session (the provisional agenda is contained in the Annex I).

The working group was established by the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption in its resolution 3/2 entitled “Preventive measures” as an open-ended intergovernmental working group to advise and assist the Conference in the implementation of its mandate on the prevention of corruption. The attention of the Government is further drawn to resolution 8/8 of the Conference of the States Parties, entitled “Follow-up to the Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption”.

In accordance with the workplan for subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, which was adopted by the Conference at its eighth session held in December 2019, the Government is hereby informed the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption and the Implementation Review Group are to hold joint meetings on thematic (prevention, criminalization and law enforcement) and technical assistance matters. Following the recommendation of the Bureau of the Conference, the consideration of the item entitled 2 b Other recommendations of the Agenda has been postponed to the first resumed eleventh session of the Implementation Review Group to be held on 31 August and 1 September 2020. Therefore, in considering their participation in this session of the Working Group, delegations are invited to take into account the agenda and programme of work of the Implementation Review Group, with a view to maximizing the commonalities of the discussions of these subsidiary bodies of the Conference.

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www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/WG-Prevention/session11.html

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In its resolution 8/7 entitled “Enhancing the effectiveness of anti-corruption bodies in fighting corruption”, the Conference decided to include the topic “Enhancing the effectiveness of anti-corruption bodies” in the agenda of the Working Group on Prevention. Furthermore, in note verbale CU 2020/40(A)/DTA/CEB/ISS circulated on 23 January 2020, States parties were, inter alia, invited to inform the Secretariat of objections, if any, to the inclusion of this topic in the provisional agenda for the eleventh session of the Working Group. The Government is hereby informed that, since no objections were received, the topic of discussion of this session will therefore be “Enhancing the effectiveness of anti-corruption bodies”.

It would be appreciated if the Government’s response to this invitation could be sent directly to the Secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, P.O. Box 500, 1400 Vienna, Austria, Fax: +43-1 26060 6711, or a scanned copy to email: UNCAC@un.org. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales/letters will be accepted by email. Information on the composition of the Government’s delegation, including name(s), title(s) and contact details (including individual email addresses, which will be used to grant and verify access to the session), should be provided to the Office as soon as possible and not later than 15 June 2020.

Governments are kindly requested to observe the deadline in order to enable the Secretariat to finalize all the necessary technical preparations for the meeting. In determining the composition of the delegation, the Government is encouraged to also take into account considerations of gender balance.

In view of the compressed organization of work for this session, as well as its virtual format, delegations are encouraged, instead of delivering general national statements during the meeting, to provide such statements in written format for posting on a dedicated space on the website of the session.

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime avails itself of this opportunity to reiterate to the [\[\[\[AddressLine1\]\]\]](#) [\[\[\[ToUNOV\]\]\]](#) the assurances of its highest consideration.

5 June 2020

Annex I

Provisional agenda

1. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Opening of the meeting;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
2. Implementation of relevant Conference resolutions:^[1]
 - (a) Good practices and initiatives in the prevention of corruption: enhancing the effectiveness of anti-corruption bodies (article 6 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption);
 - (b) Other recommendations*.
3. Future priorities.
4. Adoption of the report.

* The consideration of this item has been postponed to the first resumed eleventh session of the I

^[1] Resolution 8/3, entitled “Promoting integrity in the public sector among States parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption”; resolution 8/7, entitled “Enhancing the effectiveness of anti-corruption bodies in fighting corruption”; resolution 8/8, entitled “Follow-up to the Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption”; resolution 8/10, entitled “Measurement of corruption”; resolution 8/11, entitled “Strengthening the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption in small island developing States”; resolution 8/12, entitled “Preventing and combating corruption as it relates to crimes that have an impact on the environment”; and resolution 8/13, entitled “Abu Dhabi declaration on enhancing collaboration between the supreme audit institutions and anti-corruption bodies to more effectively prevent and fight corruption”.

