

Reference: CU 2020/280(A)/DTA/CEB/ISS

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 in the eleventh session of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption, which will be held in hybrid format (**in person and virtual**) in Vienna from **31 August to 2 September 2020 (morning) in M Plenary, M-Building.**

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 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” (the provisional agenda is contained in the Annex).

Documentation, including the annotated provisional agenda, will be made electronically available in all official United Nations languages on the website of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and can be accessed through the following address:

[www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/WG-Prevention/session11.html](http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/WG-Prevention/session11.html)  
or <http://myconference.unov.org>

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The Government is hereby informed that **two** representatives per delegation will be able to attend the sessions in person in the M-Plenary, M Building, Vienna International Centre. Representatives will also have a possibility to attend the sessions in a virtual format, using the Interprefy platform. Due to technical limitations, the Government is advised that only one remote delegate per delegation may be assigned a speaker role on the Interprefy platform.

The session of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption was rescheduled from the original dates, which were 9 and 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 delegations are hereby informed that registrations received for the originally planned dates of the Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption will be considered valid for the new dates. Delegations are kindly requested to communicate any subsequent changes to the composition of the delegation to the secretariat at their earliest convenience.

Information on the composition of the Government's delegation, should include the following:

- (a) name(s);
- (b) title(s);
- (c) contact details **including individual email addresses** (which will be used to grant and verify virtual access to the session and, for those participating in person, for contact tracing purposes if needed (the VIC Meeting Guidelines: Covid-2019 are enclosed));
- (d) a clear indication of whether delegates will participate in person or remotely;
- (e) and for those participating remotely the **role to be assigned to each delegate (speaker or observer role)**.

The information should be provided to the secretariat as soon as possible and not later than **24 August 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. Regretfully, the secretariat will not be able to accommodate requests for registration after this date. In determining the composition of the delegation, the Government is encouraged to also take into account considerations of gender balance.

**The eleventh session of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption and the first resumed eleventh session of the Implementation Review Group are to hold joint meetings on thematic and technical assistance matters (Ref.: CU 2020/279(A)/DTA/CEB/CSS). In view of the joint meetings and due to technical constraints, the Government is requested to submit only one note verbale containing the composition of its delegation to both the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption and the Implementation Review Group.**

It should be noted that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by email. 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, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, PO Box 500, 1400 Vienna, Austria, Fax: +43 1 26060 5841, or a scanned copy to email: [uncac@un.org](mailto:uncac@un.org).

In order to assist the work of the interpreters and to avoid technical problems, the Government is encouraged, to the degree possible, to ensure that the statements are delivered by the representatives present in the M-plenary for those delegations that will participate in person. Delegations are also encouraged to provide copies of general national statements in written format for posting on a dedicated space on the website of the session ([www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/WG-Prevention/session11.html](http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/WG-Prevention/session11.html)). Additional information on the exact meeting times and the technical parameters for the session will be made available on the website of the session.

The secretariat will continue to monitor the situation related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will provide timely updates with respect to any necessary changes to the above arrangements and possible restrictions affecting access to the Vienna International Centre.

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.

11 August 2020

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## **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:<sup>1</sup>
  - (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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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”.