

Reference: CU 2020/98(A)/DTA/CEB/ISS prevention of corruption

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) presents its compliments to the [[[AddressLine1]]] 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 Boardroom B/M1, M-Building, Vienna International Centre, Vienna, Austria, from 9 to 10 June 2020.

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 that the thematic focus of the eleventh session of the Implementation Review Group, to be held from 8 to 10 June 2020, will be on prevention. In accordance with that workplan, the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption and the Implementation Review Group are to hold joint meetings on thematic and technical assistance matters. Therefore, in considering their travel arrangements for 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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Enclosed are Annex I with the provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the session; an Information note for participants regarding administrative details and instructions to facilitate travel, visa, hotel and other arrangements; as well as an Information Circular regarding VIC Online Services.

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, should be provided to the Office as soon as possible and not later than 22 May 2020.

The Secretariat would like to draw the Government’s attention to the situation of the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The Secretariat is monitoring the situation and will provide timely updates with respect to the restrictions affecting travel to Austria or access to the Vienna International Centre.

19 March 2020

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Annex I

Provisional agenda (list of items)

1. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Opening of the meeting;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
2. Implementation of relevant Conference resolutions¹
 - (a) Good practices and initiatives in the prevention of corruption: enhancing the effectiveness of anti-corruption bodies (Art. 6 of the Convention);
 - (b) Other recommendations.
3. Future priorities.
4. Adoption of the report.

Proposed organization of work

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Tuesday, 9 June	10.00-10.30 a.m.	1 (a)	Opening of the meeting
		1 (b)	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	3.00-6.00 p.m.	2	Implementation of relevant Conference resolutions.
Wednesday, 10 June	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	2 (a)	Good practices and initiatives in the prevention of corruption: enhancing the effectiveness of anti-corruption bodies (Art. 6 of the Convention).
		2 (b)	Other recommendations ²
	4-5 p.m.	3	Future priorities
	3-6 p.m.	4	Adoption of the report

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”, 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 islands developing States”, Resolution 8/12 entitled “Preventing and combating corruption as it relates to crimes that have an impact on the environment”, Resolution 8/13 Abu Dhabi declaration on enhancing collaboration between the supreme audit institutions and anti-corruption bodies to more effectively prevent and fight corruption.

² Agenda item 2 (b) “Other recommendations” will be discussed together with item 5 “Technical assistance” of the agenda of the eleventh session of the Implementation Review Group.