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The conference at its eighth session adopted a work plan for the subsidiary bodies of the Conference as contained in documents CAC/COSP/IRG/2019/1.3/Rev.1. According to resolution 8/7, entitled “Enhancing the effectiveness of anti-corruption bodies in fighting corruption” the conference decided to include the issue of “enhancing the effectiveness of anti-corruption bodies” in the agenda of the working Group on Prevention.

In preparation for the upcoming session of the Working Group on Prevention, the Government of the United Arab Emirates as Chair of the 8<sup>th</sup> CoSP UNCAC would like to share with the secretariat their views in “how the effectiveness of anti-corruption bodies can be determined and measured.

### **1) How to determine the effectiveness of anti-corruption authority:**

- a. An anti-corruption Authority (ACA) need to be an indispensable part of the regulatory system of a country with the aim to prevent, investigate and prosecute where appropriate, corruption acts. The ACA should have the right **mandate**:
  - i. To disclose any deviations from accepted standards and violations of the principles of legality, efficiency, effectiveness and economy of financial management early enough to make it possible to take corrective action in individual cases, and to take measures to prevent such breaches.
  - ii. To have free access to the information and data that are related to fraud and corruption cases.
  - iii. Have independent and are protected against outside influence.
- b. ACAs shall establish effective means of connections with international peers and counterpart anti-corruption bodies for cooperation in exchanging information on corruption cases and assets recovery.
- c. As with the massive technology development, ACAs should adopt innovative means and tools in carrying out their tasks more effectively and efficiently.

### **2) How to measure the effectiveness of anti-corruption authority:**

- a. ACAs can be benchmarked against a set of principles and measured like those been mentioned above.
- b. Evaluate their contribution to the implementation of UNCAC and their role as Reviewer.
- c. Evaluate their contribution to the implementation of SDG16
- d. What role ACAs can play in enhancing the regional and international categorizations of their national governments in terms of fighting corruption.

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