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Annotations

1. Organizational matters

(a) Opening of the meeting

The eleventh meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption will be opened on Tuesday, 9 June 2020, at 10 a.m., at the Vienna International Centre, M-Building, Plenary Room M.

In view of the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Secretariat is exploring the option of conducting some parts of the meeting in a virtual format, using

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”.



information and communications technologies. Further information in this regard will be communicated in a timely manner.

(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

In its resolution 8/8, entitled “Follow-up to the Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption”, the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption decided that the Working Group should continue its work to advise and assist the Conference in the implementation of its mandate on the prevention of corruption and should hold at least two meetings prior to the ninth session of the Conference.

The provisional agenda for the eleventh meeting was prepared in accordance with Conference resolution 8/7, entitled “Enhancing the effectiveness of anti-corruption bodies in fighting corruption”, in which the Conference decided to include the issue of enhancing the effectiveness of anti-corruption bodies in the agenda of the Working Group.

The proposed organization of work (see annex) was prepared in line with the guidance contained in the workplan for the subsidiary bodies of the Conference, which was adopted by the Conference at its eighth session, held in Abu Dhabi from 16 to 20 December 2019, in order to enable consideration of agenda item 2 jointly with the Implementation Review Group.

2. Implementation of relevant Conference resolutions

In its resolution 3/2, the Conference stressed the importance of implementing articles 5 to 14 of the Convention against Corruption to prevent and fight corruption. Also in that resolution, the Conference decided to establish an interim open-ended intergovernmental working group to advise and assist the Conference in the implementation of its mandate on the prevention of corruption, and also decided that the working group should perform the following functions:

- (a) Assist the Conference in developing and accumulating knowledge in the area of prevention of corruption;
- (b) Facilitate the exchange of information and experience among States on preventive measures and practices;
- (c) Facilitate the collection, dissemination and promotion of best practices in the prevention of corruption;
- (d) Assist the Conference in encouraging cooperation among all stakeholders and sectors of society in order to prevent corruption.

In its resolution 8/8, the Conference welcomed the ongoing efforts of the Working Group to facilitate the sharing of information between States parties and underlined the importance of the conclusions and recommendations of the Working Group at its meetings held in Vienna from 5 to 7 September 2018 and from 4 to 6 September 2019.

In the same resolution, the Conference requested States parties to continue to share information, and requested the Secretariat, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, to continue its work as an international observatory, including by updating the thematic website of the Working Group with relevant information.

In its resolution 6/1, the Conference requested the Secretariat to structure the provisional agendas of the subsidiary bodies established by the Conference in such a way as to avoid the duplication of discussions, while respecting their mandates.

In its resolution 8/7, the Conference decided to include the issue of enhancing the effectiveness of anti-corruption bodies in the agenda of the Working Group. In line with that resolution, the topic for discussion at the eleventh meeting will be “Effectiveness of anti-corruption bodies (article 6 of the Convention)”.

At its meeting held in Vienna from 22 to 24 August 2011, the Working Group recommended that in advance of each of its future meetings, States parties should be invited to share their experiences of implementing the provisions under consideration, preferably by using the self-assessment checklist and including, where possible, successes, challenges, technical assistance needs and lessons learned in implementation. The Working Group requested the Secretariat to prepare a background paper summarizing that information and decided that panel discussions should be held during its meetings, involving experts from countries that had provided written responses on the priority themes under consideration.

(a) Good practices and initiatives in the prevention of corruption: enhancing the effectiveness of anti-corruption bodies (article 6 of the Convention)

The consideration of the topic on enhancing the effectiveness of anti-corruption bodies will be introduced by panel discussions, including a presentation on the background paper prepared by the Secretariat on that topic, based on input from States parties sought in advance of the meeting.

Documentation

Background paper prepared by the Secretariat on enhancing the effectiveness of anti-corruption bodies (CAC/COSP/WG.4/2020/4)

(b) Other recommendations

In its decision 7/1, the Conference recalled its resolution 6/1 of 6 November 2015 and requested the Secretariat to structure the provisional agendas of the Implementation Review Group and of other subsidiary bodies established by the Conference in such a way as to avoid the duplication of discussions, while respecting their mandates.

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 at a joint meeting of the two groups, to be held on 10 September 2020.

Documentation

Background paper prepared by the Secretariat on the status of implementation of relevant Conference resolutions (CAC/COSP/WG.4/2020/3)

3. Future priorities

A discussion will be held on future priorities for the Working Group in advising and assisting the Conference in the implementation of its mandate on the prevention of corruption. The discussion will be informed by previous discussions in the Working Group, as well as by the ongoing review of the implementation of chapter II of the Convention during the second cycle of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption. Consideration will be given to the importance of implementing legislative and institutional frameworks consistent with the requirements of that chapter and how such implementation can be effectively reviewed.

Documentation

Background paper prepared by the Secretariat on progress in implementing the mandates of the Working Group (CAC/COSP/WG.4/2020/2)

4. Adoption of the report

The Working Group is to adopt a report on its meeting, the draft of which will be prepared by the Secretariat.

Annex**Proposed organization of work**

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

^a Agenda item 2 will be discussed together with items 4 and 5 of the agenda of the eleventh session of the Implementation Review at joint meetings of the Working Group and the Implementation Review Group.