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The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime presents its compliments to the [...] and has the honour to cordially invite the Government to participate in the **twelfth session of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption**, which will be held in a hybrid format (**in person and online**) in the M-Plenary, M-Building, Vienna International Centre, Vienna, Austria, from **16 to 18 June 2021**.

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 agenda for the meeting was prepared in accordance with relevant resolutions of the Conference, including resolution 8/8, entitled “Follow-up to the Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption”. Moreover, in its 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”, the Conference decided that the Working Group should include, as a topic for discussion, strengthening the role of supreme audit institutions in the prevention of and fight against corruption. In its resolution 8/14, entitled “Promoting good practices in relation to the role of national parliaments and other legislative bodies in preventing and combating corruption in all its forms”, the Conference decided that the Working Group should include, as a topic for discussion at its twelfth session, the role of parliaments and other legislative bodies in strengthening the implementation of the Convention.

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In light of those resolutions, the topics of discussion at the forthcoming session will be:

- (a) Strengthening the role of supreme audit institutions in the prevention of and fight against corruption; and
- (b) Role of parliaments and other legislative bodies in strengthening the implementation of the Convention.

A copy of the provisional agenda is enclosed.

Documentation, including the annotated provisional agenda, will be made electronically available in all official languages of the United Nations 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/session12.html
or <http://myconference.unov.org>

The Government is hereby informed that **two** representatives per delegation will be able to attend the sessions in person in the M-Plenary. Representatives will also have a possibility to attend the sessions in an online format, using the Interprefy platform. Due to technical limitations, the Government is advised that only **one delegate participating remotely per delegation may be assigned a speaker role** on the Interprefy platform and **up to three delegates may be assigned observer roles**. In determining the composition of the delegation, the Government is encouraged to also take into account considerations of gender balance.

The INDICO registration system will be used for registration of delegates for participation. The registration for the session is open and accessible through the following link:

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/registration/june-2021-uncac-meetings/>

The Government is hereby informed that an official note verbale must be uploaded in the INDICO system, together with the mandatory details for each delegate (name, title, individual email address, in-person or online participation and speaker or observer role). Registration requests will be approved by the secretariat only after being cross-checked against the official note verbale uploaded in INDICO. The Government is kindly requested to share the note verbale with the nominated delegates to enable them to complete the registration process as soon as possible and not later than **9 June 2021** and to observe the deadline in order for the secretariat to finalize all the necessary technical preparations for the meeting. Regrettably, the secretariat will not be able to accommodate requests for registration after that date.

The twelfth session of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption and the twelfth session of the Implementation Review Group are to hold **joint meetings** on thematic and technical assistance matters (Ref.: CU 2021/203(A)/DTA/CEB/ISS and CU 2021/202(A)/DTA/CEB/CSS). In view of the joint meetings and due to technical reasons, **the Government is requested to issue only one note verbale containing the composition of its delegation for both meetings.** The registration for the joint meetings is set up as one event in INDICO.

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 (email to: uncac@un.org) for posting on a dedicated space on the website of the session (www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/WG-Prevention/session12.html).

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

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Annex to CU 2021/203/DTA/CEB/ISS

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:
 - (i) Thematic discussion on the role of parliaments and other legislative bodies in strengthening the implementation of the Convention;
 - (ii) Thematic discussion on the role of supreme audit institutions in the prevention of and fight against corruption;
 - (b) Other recommendations.
3. Future priorities.
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”; 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”.