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The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) presents its compliments to the [[[AddressLine1]]] [[[ToUNOV]]] and has the honour to draw the attention of the Government to resolutions 9/2, 9/3, 9/6 and 9/8 of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption and to the relevant recommendations of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption, established by the Conference in its resolution 3/2, entitled “Preventive measures”.

In its resolution 9/6, entitled “Follow-up to the Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption”, the Conference 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 tenth session of the Conference.

In its resolution 9/3, entitled “Follow-up to the Abu Dhabi declaration on enhancing collaboration between the supreme audit institutions and anti-corruption bodies to more effectively prevent and fight corruption, and the use of information and communications technologies”, the Conference decided that the Working Group should include, as a topic for discussion in its future meetings, how to promote the use of information and communications technologies for the implementation of the Convention.

In its resolution 9/8, entitled “Promoting anti-corruption education, awareness-raising and training”, the Conference decided that the Working Group should include, as a topic for discussion for its thirteenth meeting, challenges to and good practices in anti-corruption awareness-raising, education, training and research.

Furthermore, in its resolution 9/2, entitled “Our common commitment to effectively addressing challenges and implementing measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthening international cooperation: follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly against corruption”, the Conference directed its subsidiary bodies, within their mandates, to take appropriate measures to follow up on the UNGASS political declaration and requested the secretariat to collect contributions submitted on a voluntary basis by States parties on measures taken to implement the Convention and the political declaration.

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Topics for discussion during the Working Group

Therefore, in accordance with the aforementioned resolutions, the topics for discussion at the thirteenth meeting of the Working Group, to be held in June 2022 in Vienna, will be:

- (a) Promoting the use of information and communications technologies for the implementation of the Convention; and
- (b) Challenges to and good practices in anti-corruption awareness-raising, education, training and research.

Collection of information prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Working Group

At its second intersessional meeting, the Working Group recommended that in advance of each future meeting of the Group, 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 (CAC/COSP/WG.4/2011/4, para. 12).

Moreover, in its resolution 9/6, the Conference welcomed the commitment and efforts by States parties to provide information on good practices in preventing corruption that is gathered, systematized and disseminated by the secretariat in the performance of its functions as an international observatory. In the same resolution, the Conference requested States parties to continue sharing 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. Likewise, in resolution 9/2, the Conference requested the secretariat to create and maintain a repository of all the contributions submitted on a voluntary basis by States parties on the implementation of the Convention and the UNGASS political declaration.

Accordingly, UNODC is hereby seeking the cooperation of all parties to the Convention in providing information on their initiatives and practices related to the topics for discussion at the thirteenth meeting of the Working Group as outlined above. In addition, States are invited to share any other pertinent information on measures taken to achieve the commitments regarding corruption prevention from the UNGASS political declaration.

In order to assist States parties in the provision of the requested information, the secretariat has produced guidance notes (enclosed annex) outlining the type of information sought.

As in previous years, the secretariat will make all submissions received available online prior to the next meeting of the Working Group, unless a State party requests otherwise when providing the relevant information. In doing so, the secretariat hopes to facilitate the sharing of good practices among States parties.

It would be appreciated if the Government could send any pertinent information to the Secretary 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, Vienna International Centre, P.O. Box 500, 1400 Vienna, Austria, Fax: +43 1 26060 6711 or to email uncac@un.org (line “Information for the Working Group on Prevention”), at its earliest convenience but **no later than 22 March 2022**.

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.

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