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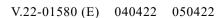
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Annotations

  1. **Organizational matters**

(a) **Opening of the meeting**

The thirteenth meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption will be opened on Wednesday, 15 June 2022, at 10 a.m., at

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[1] 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"; and resolution 9/6, entitled "Follow-up to the Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption".

the Vienna International Centre, M-Building, Plenary Room M. Subject to developments relating to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, it is currently planned that the meeting will be held in person. Although participants will be able to observe the proceedings online, there will be only limited opportunities to deliver statements remotely, through the online platform. Further information on the format of the meeting will be communicated in due course and will be made available on the website of the meeting.

(b) **Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

In its resolution 9/6, 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 tenth session of the Conference.

The provisional agenda for the thirteenth meeting was prepared in accordance with Conference resolution 9/8, entitled "Promoting anti-corruption education, awareness-raising and training", and 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". In those resolutions, the Conference requested the Working Group to include in its agenda the topics of challenges to and good practices in anti-corruption awareness-raising, education, training and research, and promoting the use of information and communications technologies for the implementation of the Convention.

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 for 2022–2023, which was approved by the Bureau of the Conference on 1 March 2022, in order to enable consideration of agenda items 2 and 3 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. In the same 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 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 9/6, the Conference welcomed the commitment made and efforts undertaken 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, 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 Open-ended

Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption 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 9/3, the Conference requested the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption and other subsidiary bodies to include, as a topic for discussion at their future meetings, how to promote the use of information and communications technologies for the implementation of the Convention.

In its resolution 9/8, the Conference requested the Working Group to hold a panel discussion on challenges to and good practices in anti-corruption awareness-raising, education, training and research at its thirteenth meeting.

In line with those resolutions and the decision of the Bureau, the topics for discussion at the thirteenth meeting will be "Promoting the use of information and communications technologies for the implementation of the Convention" and "Challenges to and good practices in anti-corruption awareness-raising, education, training and research".

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.

Agenda item 2 will be discussed together with items 4 and 5 of the agenda for the thirteenth session of the Implementation Review Group at joint meetings of the Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption and the Implementation Review Group.

(a)   Good practices and initiatives in the prevention of corruption

(i)   Thematic discussion on promoting the use of information and communications technologies for the implementation of the Convention

The consideration of the topic on promoting the use of information and communications technologies for the implementation of the Convention 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.

(ii)   Thematic discussion on the challenges to and good practices in anti-corruption awareness-raising, education, training and research

The consideration of the topic on the challenges to and good practices in anti-corruption awareness-raising, education, training and research 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 promoting the use of information and communications technologies for the implementation of the Convention (CAC/COSP/WG.4/2022/2)

Background paper prepared by the Secretariat on challenges to and good practices in anti-corruption awareness-raising, education, training and research (CAC/COSP/WG.4/2022/3)

(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 for the thirteenth session of the Implementation Review Group at a joint meeting of the two groups to be held on 17 June 2022. The secretariat will report on the implementation of the relevant Conference resolutions.

Documentation

Report by the Secretariat on the implementation of the relevant conference resolutions (CAC/COSP/WG.4/2022/4)

3.   Follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on challenges and measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation

At its special session held from 2 to 4 June 2021, the General Assembly adopted the political declaration entitled "Our common commitment to effectively addressing challenges and implementing measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation". Member States, inter alia, committed to implementing that political declaration and invited the Conference, as the treaty body with prime responsibility for promoting and reviewing the implementation of the Convention, to follow up and build on the declaration.

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 political declaration.

The inclusion of the present item, to be considered at joint meetings with the Implementation Review Group, is in line with the workplan for the subsidiary bodies of the Conference for the period 2022–2023, which was approved by the Bureau of the Conference on 1 March 2022, on the understanding that it was subject to further substantive adjustments.

Accordingly, under the present item, the Group is expected to discuss appropriate measures to follow up on the political declaration.

Agenda item 3 will be discussed together with item 6 of the agenda for the thirteenth session of the Implementation Review Group at joint meetings of the Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption and the Implementation Review Group.

4.   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 deliberations of the Working Group and by the ongoing review of the implementation of chapter II of the Convention under 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.

5. Adoption of the report

The Working Group is to adopt a report on its meeting.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

Date and time	Item	Title or description
Wednesday, 15 June 2022		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	1 (a)	Opening of the meeting
	1 (b)	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	2 (a) (i)	Good practices and initiatives in the prevention of corruption: thematic discussion on promoting the use of information and communications technologies for the implementation of the Convention
3–6 p.m.	2 (a) (ii)	Good practices and initiatives in the prevention of corruption: thematic discussion on the challenges to and good practices in anti-corruption awareness-raising, education, training and research
Thursday, 16 June 2022		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	2 (b)	Other recommendations
3–6 p.m.	2 (b)	Other recommendations (*continued*)
Friday, 17 June 2022		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	3[a]	Follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on challenges and measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation
	4	Future priorities
3–6 p.m.	5	Adoption of the report

[a] Agenda item 3 will be discussed together with item 6 of the agenda for the thirteenth session of the Implementation Review Group at joint meetings of the Working Group and the Implementation Review Group.

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