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The secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption presents its compliments to the [[[AddressLine1]]] [[[ToUNOV]]] and has the honour to refer to note verbale CU 2023/8(A)/DTA/CEB/TSS of 19 January 2023, in which States parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption were requested to provide information to the secretariat in preparation for the fourteenth meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption, to be held in Vienna in the week of 12 June 2023.

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 sessions, the strengthening of the role of supreme audit institutions in the prevention of and fight against corruption.

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 include, as a topic for discussion in its future sessions, the development and implementation of national and international innovative measures to prevent corruption, including good practices, lessons learned and challenges in periodically evaluating the efficiency and the effectivity of anti-corruption measures, policies and national responses, and the interlinkages between preventive and law enforcement approaches.

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.

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Topics for discussion during the Working Group

Therefore, the topics for discussion at the fourteenth session of the Working Group, to be held in Vienna in the week of 12 June 2023, will be:

- (a) Strengthening the role of supreme audit institutions in the prevention of and fight against corruption;
- (b) Good practices, lessons learned and challenges in periodically evaluating the efficiency and the effectivity of anti-corruption measures and policies; and
- (c) The interlinkages between preventive and law enforcement approaches.

Collection of information prior to the fourteenth session of the Working Group

In note verbale CU 2023/8(A)/DTA/CEB/TSS of 19 January 2023, the secretariat referred to the recommendation of the Working Group at its second session that, in advance of each future session of the Group, States parties should be invited to share their experiences in 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).

In order to assist States parties in the provision of the requested information, the secretariat has produced guidance notes (enclosed as Annex I and available as an online questionnaire [here](#)) outlining the type of information sought. The Government may wish to provide the requested information by responding to the online questionnaire, which would enhance the consistency of the responses and facilitate their analysis by the secretariat, or by responding to the questions contained in Annex I.

The secretariat wishes to express its appreciation to those States parties and signatories that have submitted relevant information within the initial deadline of 17 February 2023 and requests those that have not yet done so to provide such information by the extended deadline of **28 February 2023**.

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. 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. 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.

In line with these mandates and past practice, the secretariat will make all submissions received available online ahead of the next session of the Working Group, unless requested otherwise. In doing so, the secretariat hopes to facilitate the sharing of good practices between States parties.

It would be appreciated if the Government could send any pertinent information, including through submission of the guidance notes, to the secretariat 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, or by email to uncac@un.org [Subject line: Fourteenth session of the Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption], as soon as possible but not later than 28 February 2023.

20 February 2023

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