



# Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

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**Review of the implementation of the United Nations  
Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and  
the Protocols thereto: Protocol against the Smuggling of  
Migrants by Land, Sea and Air**

## **Report on the meeting of the Working Group on the Smuggling of Migrants held in Vienna from 18 to 20 November 2015**

### **Note by the Secretariat**

1. Pursuant to resolution 5/3 of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, an open-ended intergovernmental interim working group on the smuggling of migrants was established to advise and assist the Conference in the implementation of its mandate with regard to the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the Convention. The Working Group on the Smuggling of Migrants held its previous meetings from 30 May to 1 June 2012 and from 11 to 13 November 2013.
2. In its resolution 7/1 on strengthening the implementation of the Organized Crime Convention and the Protocols thereto, the Conference decided, inter alia, that the Working Group on the Smuggling of Migrants would be a constant element of the Conference of the Parties, forwarding its reports and recommendations to the Conference.
3. The Working Group on the Smuggling of Migrants held its third meeting from 18 to 20 November 2015. In accordance with resolution 7/1, the report on that meeting (CTOC/COP/WG.7/2015/6) will be made available to the Conference at its eighth session.

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