

Annex II

Financial statement on the draft resolution entitled “Mechanism for the review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto”

1. The present statement is made in accordance with rule 75 of the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.
2. By operative paragraphs 6, 7a and c, 8, 13, 15, 16 and 17 of draft resolution CTOC/COP/2016/L.5, the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime would:
 6. Request the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to convene, within existing resources from the regular budget and without prejudice to other mandated activities, at least one open-ended intergovernmental meeting, with interpretation, for the purpose of defining the specific procedures and rules for the functioning of the review mechanism, and invites States parties to remain engaged in the process, including during the intersessional period;
 7. Decide to include in the specific Procedures and rules for the functioning of the Mechanism the following elements:
 - (a) The review mechanism to be established shall be conducted, within the Conference and its existing working groups, which shall add the matter as an item to their agenda consistent with their areas of expertise and without prejudice to their respective existing mandates;
 - (c) The desk review of the information gathered shall be conducted for each State party by two other States that are parties to the relevant instrument, with the active involvement of the State party under review. The State under review and reviewing countries shall appoint as their Governmental experts for the purpose of the review mechanism persons with relevant expertise to examine the issues under evaluation.
 8. Invite States parties to carry out the desk review and to fulfil any request for or provision of supplementary information and clarification by making the largest possible use of all the available technological tools, such as virtual networks, conference calls and videoconferences. The Secretariat shall facilitate, where appropriate, the establishment of open lines of communication among the participants;
 13. Decide that an evaluation of the organization, functioning and performance of the review process, once established, shall be conducted, when appropriate, by the Conference at its next sessions so as to amend and improve the existing mechanism;
 15. Reiterate all relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties regarding the existing questionnaires, and requests all States parties to submit responses to the questionnaire on the implementation of the UNTOC and the Protocols thereto, and to provide updated information and responses including identifying technical assistance needs;
 16. Request the Secretariat, within existing resources, to provide an assessment on best practices, lessons learned and obstacles to the implementation of the

provisions of the Convention and the Protocols thereto, based on the information collected through the questionnaire;

17. Request States parties to inform the Secretariat of any technical assistance need that should be addressed to support them in providing the information requested under the questionnaires, and requests States parties and other interested donors to provide resources for technical assistance as a matter of priority.

3. With regard to operative paragraph 6 and 7a, the conference servicing requirements of the open-ended intergovernmental meeting and the working groups will be accommodated within the overall entitlements of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its individual working groups. The scheduling of the meetings will have to be done in consultation with the Conference Management Service of the United Nations Office at Vienna. With regards to documentation, on the understanding that documents will be submitted in accordance with established guidelines, i.e. in a timely manner and within the indicative page limit, and remain within the overall entitlements of the Conference, they will be processed within available resources.

4. With regard to the operative paragraphs 7c and 8, it is estimated that extrabudgetary resources in the amount of \$269,000 would be required to facilitate establishment of open lines of communication among participants, in particular virtual networks. The resource requirements would provide for one GS (Other level) staff for 12 working months and IT development costs for the virtual network.

5. With regard to operative paragraph 13, extrabudgetary resources would be required. The cost estimate will be provided when the type of evaluation of the functioning and performance of the review process will be defined.

6. With regard to the operative paragraphs 15, 16 and 17, it is estimated that extrabudgetary resources in the amount of \$3,337,700 would be required to provide for: (i) 4 professional staff at P-3 level for 12 working months; (ii) one General Service (Other Level) for 12 working months; (iii) two consultants for 12 working months to coordinate the information gathering with the focus on translation of the responses; (iv) maintenance of SHERLOC; (v) 7 regional workshops with 50 participants each and interpretation into 2 languages and travel costs of two Vienna-based staff to facilitate the workshops; and (vi) 25 reports of 16 pages in 6 languages.

7. The activities related to the request contained in operative paragraphs 6, 7a and c, 8, 13, 15, 16 and 17 would be carried out provided that the extrabudgetary resources mentioned above are made available.

8. Hence, the adoption of draft resolution CTOC/COP/2016/L.5 would not entail any additional appropriation under the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017.