



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

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Report on the meeting for the purpose of defining the specific procedures and rules for the functioning of the review mechanism for the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto, held in Vienna from 30 October to 1 November 2017

I. Introduction

1. In its resolution 8/2, entitled “Mechanism for the review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto”, the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime decided to continue the process of establishing the mechanism for the review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto based on the recommendations contained in the report on the meeting to explore all options regarding an appropriate and effective review mechanism for the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto, held in Vienna on 6 and 7 June 2016 (CTOC/COP/WG.8/2016/2).
2. In the same resolution, the Conference decided to elaborate specific procedures and rules for the functioning of the review mechanism for consideration and adoption by the Conference at its ninth session, which shall be guided by the principles and characteristics set out in Conference resolution 5/5, and also decided to include in those specific procedures and rules certain elements as listed in the resolution.
3. Also in resolution 8/2, the Conference requested 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 invited States parties to remain engaged in the process, including during the intersessional period.
4. The first open-ended intergovernmental meeting for the purpose of defining the specific procedures and rules for the functioning of the review mechanism for the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto was held in Vienna from 24 to 26 April 2017. At its meeting held on 15 May 2017, the extended Bureau of the Conference agreed that the second open-ended intergovernmental meeting would take place from 30 October to 1 November 2017.



II. Organization of the meeting

A. Opening of the meeting

5. The open-ended intergovernmental meeting for the purpose of defining the specific procedures and rules for the functioning of the review mechanism for the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto was opened on 30 October and held a total of five meetings. The meetings were chaired by Maria Assunta Accili Sabbatini (Italy), Vice-President of the Conference, on behalf of the President of the Conference at its eighth session.

B. Organization of work

6. At its 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th meetings held from 30 October to 1 November 2017, the open-ended intergovernmental meeting discussed item 2 of the agenda, entitled “Consideration of a first draft of the procedures and rules for a review mechanism based on the elements contained in resolution 8/2”.

7. The open-ended intergovernmental meeting analysed and discussed the text of the draft procedures and rules for a review mechanism, which included a proposal by the President related to the country review process, as well as a non-paper containing the draft procedures and rules that had been circulated at the request of the President of the Conference following the conclusion of the first open-ended intergovernmental meeting, held from 24 to 26 April 2017.

8. Over the course of the meeting, the Chair prepared and presented draft texts of the procedures and rules based on the comments received during the discussions. The Chair proposed, and the meeting agreed, that some pending issues, including those relating to funding for the review mechanism and the provisions relating to the participation of civil society, would be further discussed.

9. On its last day, the meeting had before it a consolidated text of the draft procedures and rules. It was agreed that, as an outcome of the meeting, the draft text would be circulated as a non-paper among delegations for consideration during informal consultations, at the next open-ended intergovernmental meeting and in the lead-up to the ninth session of the Conference.

10. The Chair asked the secretariat to provide a new cost estimate for the review mechanism on the basis of the outcome of the meeting well in advance of the next open-ended intergovernmental meeting.

C. Statements

11. Under agenda item 2, statements were made by representatives of the following parties to the Convention: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Egypt, Estonia, France, Germany, Holy See, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, State of Palestine, Sudan, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Viet Nam.

12. A statement was made by the observer for the Islamic Republic of Iran, a signatory State.

D. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

13. At its 1st meeting, on 30 October 2017, the meeting adopted the following agenda:

1. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Opening of the meeting;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
2. Consideration of a first draft of the procedures and rules for a review mechanism based on the elements contained in resolution 8/2.
3. Other matters.
4. Adoption of the report.

E. Attendance

14. The following parties to the Convention were represented at the meeting: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, European Union, France, Germany, Greece, Holy See, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, State of Palestine, Sudan, Sweden, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Yemen.

15. The Islamic Republic of Iran, a State signatory to the Convention, was represented by an observer.

16. A list of participants is contained in CTOC/COP/WG.9/2017/INF/2/Rev.2.

F. Documentation

17. The meeting had before it the annotated provisional agenda (CTOC/COP/WG.9/2017/5).

III. Adoption of the report

18. On 1 November 2017, the meeting adopted the present report.
