UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE UNTOC REVIEW MECHANISM

Item 4

9th session of the Working Group on the Smuggling of Migrants
1. THE UNTOC REVIEW MECHANISM
Origins & features
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ORIGINS, ADOPTION & LAUNCH

Resolution 9/1

After about 10 years of unremitting efforts, in October 2018 the Conference of the Parties to UNTOC (COP) adopted Resolution 9/1 which established the UNTOC review mechanism.

- Approved the Procedures and rules for the functioning of the review mechanism;
- Launched a preparatory phase of 2 years for the preparation of the main tools to allow the review process to start.
In October 2020, UNTOC COP adopted Resolution 10/1 which launched the review process:

- Four review phases; a total of 10 years long process
- 189 Parties under review [staggered start in 3 Groups]
- 2 reviewers: 1 from same regional group+ one from another
- 2 tracks: country reviews and general review
- Lists of observations, summaries, report on trends & patterns
2. STATUS OF THE UNTOC REVIEW MECHANISM
Nominations & progress of country reviews
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UPDATE

Status of nominations – Focal points

GROUP 1
80%
104 countries (out of 130) designated at least 1 governmental expert/focal point

GROUP 2
73%
96 countries (out of 131) designated at least 1 governmental expert/focal point

70%
30%
2. STATUS OF THE UNTOC REVIEW MECHANISM

COUNTRY REVIEWS

Progress of Group 1 country reviews

- **Active**: 50% (62 reviews)
- **Inactive**: 42%
- **On-hold**: 8%

**PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION**: 7
**SELF-ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE**: 8
**WRITTEN FEEDBACK**: 16
**LISTS OF OBSERVATIONS**: 1
2. STATUS OF THE UNTOC REVIEW MECHANISM

COUNTRY REVIEWS

Progress of Group 2 country reviews

- Active: 24%
- Inactive: 60%
- On-hold: 16%

63 reviews

1. WRITTEN FEEDBACK

4. PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION

11. SELF-ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE
Challenges

Nominations & availability of focal points

- Missing nominations: 50% of the reviews of Group 1 and 76% of the reviews of Group 2 have not started yet because of the missing nomination of focal points;

- Responsiveness of focal points;

- Limited technological skills of focal points → challenges in using REVMOD.

Multiple working language(s) of the reviews

- Reviews have chosen only 1 working language: 58% (58%);

- Reviews have chosen 2 working languages: 31% (31%);

- Reviews have no agreement due to lack of resources for translations: 11% (11%).
3. SECRETARIAT’S SUPPORT
Technical assistance needs, achievements & support, future
Global Programme to Support the Mechanism for the Review of the Implementation of the UNTOC

Technical Assistance needs identified & support

Requests for assistance with the operation of REVMOD and/or structure of the RM

Requests for trainings on the self-assessment questionnaire (incl. increased requests for in-person trainings)

Requests on participating in other steps of review – in particular drafting lists of observations

Online trainings provided through ad-hoc trainings and “REVMOD training weeks”

Trainings on questionnaires to be commenced in the coming months

New survey on TA needs available in REVMOD – further official requests can be made via E-mail at untoc.review@un.org
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**Achievements**

- **1500+** Focal points & governmental experts from 120 countries trained
- **72** Trainings delivered in 6 UN languages
- **37** Preliminary consultation meetings organized
- + Follow-up support on nominations (UNODC field, COP President + PMs)
- + Daily assistance to substantive and technical issues (REVMOD)
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Available tools

MANUALS & RESOURCES

DEDICATED WEBSITE

E-LEARNING
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Future activities and support

**TRAININGS**
On the review mechanism, REVMOD and substantive aspects of UNTOC’s implementation

**SELF-ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE**
Support to States parties under review

**LISTS OF OBSERVATIONS & SUMMARIES**
Support to reviewing States in drafting the lists of observations and summaries

**TOOLS DEVELOPMENT**
For focal points and governmental experts (incl. translations)
THANK YOU!