



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

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Technical Assistance**  
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## **Annotated provisional agenda**

### **Provisional agenda**

1. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Opening of the meeting;
  - (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
2. Updating the legislative records of States parties in preparation for the Mechanism for the Review of the Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto.
3. Application of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime in domestic jurisprudence.
4. Other matters.
5. Adoption of the report.

### **Annotations**

- 1. Organizational matters**
  - (a) Opening of the meeting**

The twelfth meeting of the Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance will be opened on Thursday, 9 July 2020, at 10 a.m.

- (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

At its tenth meeting, held on 10 October 2019, the extended Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime discussed the dates for the 2020 meetings of the Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance and the Working Group on International Cooperation. After informal consultations on the scheduling of the meetings, on 28 November 2019 the extended Bureau agreed via silence procedure to hold the twelfth meeting of the Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance on 9 and 10 July 2020. The provisional agenda for the meeting was approved by the extended Bureau via silence procedure on 26 February 2020.



**2. Updating the legislative records of States parties in preparation for the Mechanism for the Review of the Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto**

In accordance with article 32 of the Organized Crime Convention, each State party should provide the Conference with information on its programmes, plans and practices, as well as legislative and administrative measures taken to implement the Convention and subsequent difficulties encountered in doing so, as required by the Conference. Furthermore, in its resolution 8/4, on the implementation of the provisions on technical assistance of the Convention, the Conference recommended, inter alia, that States parties should designate a focal point for the purpose of communicating with the secretariat to facilitate the implementation of paragraphs 4 and 5 of article 32 of the Convention and provide the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) with the contact details of that focal point, and that States parties should consider making legislation public and accessible, preferably through the Internet. Moreover, the Conference recommended that States parties that had repositories of legislation and case law should provide links to those repositories to the secretariat for inclusion in the Sharing Electronic Resources and Laws on Crime (SHERLOC) knowledge management portal (available at <https://sherloc.unodc.org>).

Under agenda item 2, in order to promote the accessibility of domestic legislation online and in preparation for the Mechanism for the Review of the Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto, the secretariat will provide an overview of the status of information on legislation in SHERLOC and the status of the development of the new secure module for the Implementation Review Mechanism.

**Delegations are encouraged to verify their legislative records in SHERLOC in preparation for the meeting and to provide the legislation implementing the Convention and the Protocols thereto to the Secretariat in an electronic format during the meeting. The legislation provided should be in one of the official languages of the United Nations. During the meeting, the SHERLOC focal points of UNODC will assist delegations in updating their records at a dedicated SHERLOC “clinic”.**

**3. Application of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime in domestic jurisprudence**

Under agenda item 3, the Working Group will explore how the Organized Crime Convention is applied in domestic jurisprudence. This may include, but is not limited to, examination of the following aspects: (a) domestic application of the definitions contained in the Convention; (b) domestic application of the criminalization provisions of the Convention; (c) jurisprudence relating to jurisdiction; and (d) jurisprudence concerning international cooperation. Experts are encouraged to provide court files, including concrete information on jurisprudence as mentioned above, to the secretariat for inclusion in SHERLOC and to share their lessons learned with the Working Group. The Working Group may also wish to discuss lessons learned in the area of technical assistance and capacity-building requirements for the implementation of the Convention.

For its consideration of agenda item 3, the Working Group will have before it a background paper prepared by the Secretariat entitled “Application of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime in domestic jurisprudence”.

*Documentation*

Background paper prepared by the Secretariat on the application of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime in domestic jurisprudence (CTOC/COP/WG.2/2020/2)

**4. Other matters**

As no issues to be raised under agenda item 4 have come to the attention of the secretariat, no documentation regarding the item is currently foreseen.

**5. Adoption of the report**

The Working Group will adopt a report on its meeting, the draft of which will be prepared by the secretariat.

## Annex

## Proposed organization of work

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
<b>Thursday, 9 July</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	1 (a)	Opening of the meeting
	1 (b)	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	2	Updating the legislative records of States parties in preparation for the Mechanism for the Review of the Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto
3–6 p.m.	2	Updating the legislative records of States parties in preparation for the Mechanism for the Review of the Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Friday, 10 July</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	3	Application of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime in domestic jurisprudence
3–6 p.m.	3	Application of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime in domestic jurisprudence ( <i>continued</i> )
	4	Other matters
	5	Adoption of the report