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Annotations

1. Organizational matters

(a) Opening of the meeting

The meeting of the Working Group on the Smuggling of Migrants will be opened on Monday, 11 November 2013, at 10 a.m.

(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

In its resolution 6/3, entitled “Implementation of the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime”, the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime decided that the Working Group on the Smuggling of Migrants should continue to perform the functions set forth in Conference resolution 5/3 and decided that it should hold at least one meeting prior to the seventh session of the Conference.



At its meeting on 7 June 2013, the extended Bureau of the Conference of the Parties agreed on the provisional agenda for the 2nd meeting of the Working Group.

The proposed organization of work, contained in the annex to the present document, was prepared in accordance with Conference resolution 5/3 in order to enable the Working Group to perform its mandated functions within the time and according to the conference services available to it. The resources available to the Working Group will permit the holding of two plenary meetings per day with interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations.

2. Good practices in special investigative techniques

In its resolution 6/3, the Conference welcomed the report on the 1st meeting of the Working Group, held from 30 May to 1 June 2012, and encouraged States parties to implement, where necessary, the recommendations contained therein. The Conference took note of the Working Group's recommendation that the next meeting focus on good practices in special investigative techniques. In that recommendation it was noted, in particular, that the Working Group might wish to request the Secretariat to organize technical panel discussions on good practices involving the use of special investigative techniques in cases of smuggling of migrants. At its 1st meeting the Working Group also adopted a recommendation stating that, in efforts aimed at the detection and investigation of the smuggling of migrants, including efforts involving the use of special investigative techniques, States parties should take into account the safety and rights of the persons involved.

For its consideration of this item, the Working Group will have before it a background paper presenting an overview of good practices in special investigative techniques, in particular the challenges encountered in handling smuggling of migrants cases and how special investigative techniques apply to the crime.

Documentation

Background paper prepared by the Secretariat on good practices in special investigative techniques (CTOC/COP/WG.7/2013/2)

3. Good practices in the establishment of multi-agency centres

In its resolution 6/3, the Conference also noted the recommendation, adopted by the Working Group at its 1st meeting, that the next meeting focus on good practices in the establishment of multi-agency centres. In that recommendation, it was noted in particular that the Working Group might wish to request the Secretariat to organize technical panel discussions on the establishment of multi-agency centres to enable information on the smuggling of migrants to be shared and responses to such smuggling to be coordinated between agencies and between similar centres in other States parties.

For its consideration of this item, the Working Group will have before it a background paper presenting good practices in the establishment of multi-agency centres, and their advantages.

Documentation

Background paper prepared by the Secretariat on good practices in the establishment of multi-agency centres (CTOC/COP/WG.7/2013/3)

4. Good practices in informal cross-border cooperation and information-sharing

In its resolution 6/4, the Conference urged States parties to consider the importance of bilateral and multilateral cooperation, including cooperation at the regional level and with neighbouring countries, in order to strengthen border control, conduct joint investigations and exchange operational information and intelligence.

For its consideration of this item, the Working Group will have before it a background paper presenting an analysis of good practices in informal cross-border cooperation and information-sharing useful in identifying and investigating cases of smuggling of migrants, while upholding the rights of smuggled migrants.

Documentation

Background paper prepared by the Secretariat on good practices in informal cross-border cooperation and information-sharing (CTOC/COP/WG.7/2013/4)

6. Adoption of the report

The Working Group is to 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>
Monday, 11 November		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	1 (a)	Opening of the meeting
	1 (b)	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	2	Good practices in special investigative techniques
3-6 p.m.	2	Good practices in special investigative techniques (<i>continued</i>)
Tuesday, 12 November		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3	Good practices in the establishment of multi-agency centres
3-6 p.m.	3	Good practices in the establishment of multi-agency centres (<i>continued</i>)
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Wednesday, 13 November		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	4	Good practices in informal cross-border cooperation and information-sharing (<i>continued</i>)
3-6 p.m.	4	Good practices in informal cross-border cooperation and information-sharing (<i>continued</i>)
	5	Other matters
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