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Open-ended Intergovernmental Meeting of Experts on Possible Mechanisms to Review Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto

Vienna, 28-30 September 2009

Provisional agenda and annotations

1. Organizational matters:
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 - (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
2. Consideration of possible mechanisms to review implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto.
3. Adoption of the report on the meeting.

Annotations

1. Organizational matters

(a) Opening of the meeting

The Open-ended Intergovernmental Meeting of Experts on Possible Mechanisms to Review Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto will be convened on Monday, 28 September, at 10 a.m.

(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda for the meeting was prepared in accordance with decision 4/1, entitled "Possible mechanisms to review implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto", adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention



against Transnational Organized Crime at its fourth session, held in Vienna from 8 to 17 October 2008.

In its decision 4/1, the Conference recalled article 32 of the Convention, pursuant to which, the Conference has the responsibility to promote and review the implementation of the Convention and is to agree upon mechanisms for achieving its objectives.

Also in its decision 4/1, the Conference took into account that the review of implementation of the Convention was an ongoing and gradual process, and considered that it was necessary to explore options regarding an appropriate and effective mechanism to assist the Conference in the review of the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto.

In the same decision, the Conference underlined its responsibility to improve the capacity of States parties to combat transnational organized crime and expressed its concern about persisting gaps in the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols. The Conference also recalled articles 30 and 34 of the Convention, which set out the obligations of States parties with respect to the implementation of the Convention and the provision of cooperation and technical assistance.

Also in its decision 4/1, the Conference requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to convene at least one open-ended intergovernmental meeting of experts in Vienna by September 2009 and decided that the meeting should present a report to the Conference at its fifth session on mechanisms, as appropriate, for reviewing implementation of the Convention and its Protocols.

The proposed organization of work contained in the annex to the present document was prepared in accordance with Conference decision 4/1 to enable the Intergovernmental Meeting of Experts to perform its mandated functions within the time and according to the conference services available to the meeting.

The resources available to the meeting will permit the holding of two plenary meetings per day with interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations.

2. Consideration of possible mechanisms to review implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto

The Secretariat sent a note verbale dated 2 July 2009 to States parties and signatories inviting them to provide their comments and views on possible mechanisms to review implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto, to assist in the preparation for the meeting. The following possible topics for discussion were outlined:

(a) Is a review mechanism required to assist the Conference in reviewing implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto?

(b) What methods of review should be adopted, and what would the role of the secretariat be in such a process?

(c) How should the information gathered through questionnaires, the interim checklist and the comprehensive information-gathering tool be used in the context of a review mechanism?

(d) How should the challenges of reviewing the implementation of the four legal instruments (the Convention and the three Protocols thereto) be addressed? Should there be one mechanism encompassing the four instruments, or should there be four mechanisms or some other structure?

(e) To what extent could the work of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Review of the Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption be of use in the work on possible mechanisms to review implementation of the Organized Crime Convention?

(f) What should be the relationship between a review mechanism and the provision of technical assistance in areas covered by the Convention and the Protocols thereto?

Pursuant to the request of the Conference, the Secretariat prepared a compilation of the comments and views received from Member States (CTOC/COP/WG.1/2009/2) in order to facilitate deliberations.

Documentation

Comments and views received from States on possible mechanisms to review implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto (CTOC/COP/WG.1/2009/2)

Note by the Secretariat on possible mechanisms to review implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto (CTOC/COP/2008/3)

3. Adoption of the report on the meeting

The Intergovernmental Meeting of Experts 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, 28 September		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	1 (a)	Opening of the meeting
	1 (b)	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
3-6 p.m.	2	Consideration of possible mechanisms to review implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto
	2	Consideration of possible mechanisms to review implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto (<i>continued</i>)
Tuesday, 29 September		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	2	Consideration of possible mechanisms to review implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto (<i>continued</i>)
3-6 p.m.	2	Consideration of possible mechanisms to review implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto (<i>continued</i>)
Wednesday, 30 September		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	2	Consideration of possible mechanisms to review implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto (<i>continued</i>)
3-6 p.m.	2	Consideration of possible mechanisms to review implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto (<i>continued</i>)
	3	Adoption of the report