



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

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## **Annotations**

### **1. Organizational matters**

#### **(a) Opening of the sixth session of the Conference**

The sixth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime will be opened on Monday, 15 October 2012, at 10 a.m.

#### **(b) Election of officers**

In accordance with rule 22 of the rules of procedure for the Conference, at the opening of each session a President, eight Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur shall be elected from among the representatives of the States parties that are present at the session. In electing the officers of the session, each of the five regional groups shall be represented by two officers, one of whom shall be from among the representatives of the States that are parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and to one or more, and if possible all, of the Protocols that have entered into force by the opening of the session. The bureau shall include at least two representatives of States that are parties to all the instruments that have entered into force by the opening of the session.

In accordance with the practice established by the Conference, the offices of the President and Rapporteur of the Conference are normally subject to rotation among the five regional groups. Thus, at the sixth session, the President of the Conference and one Vice-President would be nominated by Asia-Pacific States; African States would be asked to nominate one Vice-President and the Rapporteur; and States of other regions would be asked to nominate two Vice-Presidents each.

#### **(c) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

At its fifth session, held in Vienna from 18 to 22 October 2010, the Conference adopted the provisional agenda for its sixth session (CTOC/COP/2010/17, chap. I). In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure, at its meeting held on 15 February 2012, the extended Bureau agreed on the provisional agenda for the sixth session as contained in Conference decision 5/1 and amended at the meeting of the extended Bureau held on 16 December 2011. The extended Bureau also agreed on the proposed organization of work, as contained in the annex to this document.

## **Documentation**

Provisional agenda and annotations (CTOC/COP/2012/1)

#### **(d) Participation of observers**

Rule 14 of the rules of procedure for the Conference provides that, subject to prior written notification to the Secretary-General, any State or regional economic integration organization that is a signatory to the Convention in accordance with its

article 36, paragraphs 1 and 2, shall be entitled to participate in the Conference as an observer.

Rule 15 of the rules of procedure provides that any other State or regional economic integration organization that has not signed the Convention in accordance with its article 36, paragraphs 1 and 2, may apply to the bureau for observer status, which shall be accorded unless otherwise decided by the Conference.

Rule 16 of the rules of procedure provides that, subject to prior written notification to the Secretary-General, representatives of entities and organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate as observers in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices, representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and funds, as well as representatives of functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, shall be entitled to participate as observers (i.e. without the right to vote) in the deliberations (i.e. plenary meetings) of the Conference. At its fifth session, the Conference decided that the intergovernmental organizations listed in conference room paper CTOC/COP/2010/CRP.7 would receive a standing invitation under rule 16, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure, to attend future sessions of the Conference.

Rule 17 of the rules of procedure provides that relevant non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council may apply to the bureau for observer status, which should be accorded unless otherwise decided by the Conference. Should relevant non-governmental organizations not having consultative status with the Council apply for observer status, the secretariat will circulate a list of such organizations in accordance with rule 17. Furthermore, at its fifth session, the Conference decided to continue to allow non-governmental organizations to participate in the sessions of the Conference, in line with the rules of procedure and past practice.

**(e) Adoption of the report of the Bureau on credentials**

By its decision 4/7, the Conference amended rule 18, on submission of credentials, of its rules of procedure, modifying paragraph 3 and adding a new paragraph 4 to read as follows:

“3. The credentials shall be issued by the Head of State or Government, by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by the Permanent Representative to the United Nations of the State party in accordance with its domestic law or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of the organization.

“4. When the Conference is to consider proposals for amendments to the Convention in accordance with article 39 of the Convention and rule 62 of the rules of procedure for the Conference, the credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State party or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization.”

According to rule 19 of the rules of procedure, the bureau shall examine the credentials of representatives of each State party and the names of the persons constituting the State party's delegation and submit its report to the Conference.

According to rule 20 of the rules of procedure, pending a decision of the bureau on their credentials, representatives shall be entitled to participate provisionally in the session. Any representative of a State party to whose admission another State party has made objection shall be seated provisionally with the same rights as other representatives of States parties until the bureau has reported and the Conference has given its decision.

**(f) General discussion**

A sub-item entitled “General discussion” was included in the agenda to allow time for statements to be made on matters of a general nature that are related to the implementation of the Convention and that may be of interest to the Conference. A list of speakers will be opened by the secretariat on 14 August 2012, and all States are invited to indicate their intention to address the Conference under the sub-item. The list of speakers will remain open until noon on 15 October 2012. Inscription on the list will be on a “first come, first served” basis on the understanding that priority will be given to representatives of ministerial or similar rank. Speakers are requested to limit their statements to three minutes.

**2. Review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto**

**(a) United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime**

In its resolution 5/1, entitled “Ensuring effective implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto”, the Conference reaffirmed the importance of the Convention and the Protocols thereto as the main tools available to the international community to fight transnational organized crime.

Furthermore, in its resolution 5/5, entitled “Review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto”, the Conference recalled article 32 of the Convention, which established the Conference to improve the capacity of States parties to combat transnational organized crime and to promote and review the implementation of the Convention, and stressed the urgent need to finalize a user-friendly software-based comprehensive self-assessment checklist (“omnibus tool”), in order to facilitate the gathering of information on the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto.

In that resolution, the Conference also decided to establish an open-ended intergovernmental working group: (a) to consider and explore options and make proposals on the establishment of a mechanism or mechanisms to assist the Conference in the review of the implementation of the Convention; and (b) to prepare terms of reference for such proposed review mechanism or mechanisms, guidelines for governmental experts and a blueprint for the country review reports, for consideration and possible adoption by the Conference at its sixth session.

At its first meeting, held in Vienna from 17 to 19 May 2011, the open-ended intergovernmental working group on the review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto completed the first reading of the text of the draft terms of reference of the mechanism for the review of the implementation of the Convention and the

Protocols thereto, the draft guidelines for governmental experts and the secretariat in the conduct of country reviews and the draft blueprint for country review reports and executive summaries.

Between July and December 2011, Ulises Canchola Gutiérrez (Mexico), the Chair of the working group, conducted five rounds of informal consultations, with a view to advancing mutual understanding and promoting the resolution of outstanding issues on the review mechanism or mechanisms for the Convention and the Protocols thereto. The discussions focused on: (a) the scope of the mechanism and the organization of cycles; (b) deferrals for reviewing States parties and the number of reviews a State party would need to perform; (c) the modalities of making the country review reports available; (d) issues of engagement with relevant stakeholders in the process of preparation of the responses to the comprehensive self-assessment software (“omnibus survey software”) and in the course of country visits; (e) the nature and character of the Palermo Implementation Review Group; (f) the funding of the mechanism and the different options for ensuring its efficient, continued and impartial functioning; and (g) the participation of signatories in the mechanism “as a State under review on a voluntary basis”.

At its second meeting, held from 23 to 26 January 2012, the working group approved the revised draft terms of reference of the mechanism for the review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto (CTOC/COP/WG.5/2011/2/Rev.2), except paragraphs 41 and 54-57, on which consensus was not reached; the revised draft guidelines for governmental experts and the secretariat in the conduct of country reviews (CTOC/COP/WG.5/2011/3/Rev.1); the revised draft blueprint for country review reports and executive summaries (CTOC/COP/WG.5/2011/4/Rev.1); and the revised draft indicative thematic distribution of the articles of the Organized Crime Convention and the Protocols thereto (CTOC/COP/WG.5/2011/5/Rev.1). Starting in May 2012, a series of informal consultations to facilitate the resolution of outstanding issues on the review mechanism for the Organized Crime Convention and the Protocols thereto was organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico.

Furthermore, under this agenda item, the Conference will also have before it conference room papers on the status of ratification of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto and notifications, declarations and reservations thereto (CTOC/COP/2012/CRP.1), the status of the comprehensive self-assessment software (“omnibus survey software”) (CTOC/COP/2012/CRP.2) and the evaluation of the pilot project to review the implementation of the Organized Crime Convention (CTOC/COP/2012/CRP.3).

At its meeting held on 4 July 2012, the extended Bureau of the Conference decided that a document containing the estimated financial requirements for a mechanism to review the implementation of the Organized Crime Convention and the Protocols thereto would be submitted to the Conference for its consideration.

### **Documentation**

Report of the Secretariat on the development of a digest of organized crime cases (CTOC/COP/2012/11)

Note by the Secretariat on the estimated financial requirements for a mechanism to review the implementation of the Organized Crime Convention and the Protocols thereto (CTOC/COP/2012/14)

**(b) Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children**

In its decision 4/4, entitled “Trafficking in human beings”, the Conference decided to establish an open-ended interim working group to advise and assist it in the implementation of its mandate with regard to the Trafficking in Persons Protocol. Pursuant to the decision, the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons held meetings on 14 and 15 April 2009, from 27 to 29 January 2010, on 19 October 2010 and from 10 to 12 October 2011. In its decision 4/4, the Conference also decided that the working group should perform the following functions:

(a) Facilitate implementation of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol through the exchange of experience and practices between experts and practitioners in this area, including by contributing to the identification of weaknesses, gaps and challenges;

(b) Make recommendations to the Conference on how States parties can better implement the provisions of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol;

(c) Assist the Conference in providing guidance to its secretariat on its activities relating to the implementation of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol;

(d) Make recommendations to the Conference on how it can better coordinate with the various international bodies combating trafficking in persons with respect to implementing, supporting and promoting the Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

Furthermore, in its resolution 5/2, entitled “Implementation of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime”, the Conference reaffirmed that one of its main purposes was to improve the capacity of States parties to combat trafficking in persons and that it should spearhead international efforts in that regard. The Conference also decided that the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons should present its recommendations to the Conference on whether the Working Group should be extended and, if so, proposed areas for future work. The Conference will have before it a note transmitting the recommendations of the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons in this regard (CTOC/COP/2012/3).

**Documentation**

Report of the Secretariat on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to promote and support the implementation of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (CTOC/COP/2012/2)

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the recommendations of the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons at its meeting held in Vienna from 10 to 12 October 2011 (CTOC/COP/2012/3)

Report of the Secretariat on best practices for addressing the demand for labour, services or goods that foster the exploitation of others (CTOC/COP/2012/4)

**(c) Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air**

In its resolution 5/3, 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, inter alia, urged States parties, in accordance with the Smuggling of Migrants Protocol, to promote or strengthen, as appropriate, programmes and cooperation at the national, regional and international levels in support of regular migration and of deterring irregular migration so as to prevent and combat the smuggling of migrants. The Conference also underlined the need to provide migrants with humane treatment and full protection, in accordance with article 16 of the Smuggling of Migrants Protocol, and urged States parties to strengthen measures to prevent smuggling of migrants and increase the sharing of information between States parties and relevant authorities.

In that resolution, the Conference also welcomed the outcome of the consultations of Government experts held during the fifth session of the Conference and decided to establish an open-ended intergovernmental working group to advise and assist the Conference in the implementation of its mandate with regard to the Smuggling of Migrants Protocol. The first meeting of the Working Group on the Smuggling of Migrants was held from 30 May to 1 June 2012, and a note transmitting the recommendations made by the Working Group at its meeting is contained in document CTOC/COP/2012/8.

Pursuant to resolution 5/3, the Conference will have before it the report of the Secretariat on activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime at the international and regional levels to promote and support the implementation of the Smuggling of Migrants Protocol, in coordination with relevant regional and international organizations (CTOC/COP/2012/5).

At its meeting held on 4 July 2012, the extended Bureau of the Conference decided that the report on the meeting of the Working Group on the Smuggling of Migrants held in Vienna from 30 May to 1 June 2012 would be transmitted to the Conference, at its sixth session, for its consideration.

**Documentation**

Report of the Secretariat on activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to promote and support the implementation of the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (CTOC/COP/2012/5)

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report on the meeting of the Working Group on the Smuggling of Migrants held in Vienna from 30 May to 1 June 2012 (CTOC/COP/2012/8)

**(d) Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition**

In its resolution 5/4, entitled “Illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition”, the Conference, inter alia, urged

States to provide to the Secretariat full and up-to-date information on their national body or single point of contact and make use of the online directory of competent national authorities designated by States under the Firearms Protocol. The Conference also requested the Secretariat to facilitate technical assistance to States parties facing difficulties in the implementation of the Firearms Protocol in the areas of, inter alia, record-keeping, marking, deactivation and destruction of firearms, the identification of competent national authorities and the identification and tracing of illicit firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, the development of regional and international databases on seizures and confiscations and the promotion of inter-agency and international cooperation.

In its resolution 5/4, the Conference also decided to establish an open-ended intergovernmental working group on firearms to advise and assist the Conference in the implementation of its mandate with regard to the Firearms Protocol. The Conference decided that the working group should perform the following functions:

(a) Facilitate implementation of the Firearms Protocol through the exchange of experience and practices among experts and practitioners in this area, including by contributing to the identification of successful practices, weaknesses, gaps and challenges, as well as priority issues and topics of relevance, in the fight against trafficking in firearms;

(b) Make recommendations to the Conference on how States parties can better implement the provisions of the Firearms Protocol;

(c) Assist the Conference in providing guidance to its secretariat on the activities of the secretariat and on the development of technical assistance tools relating to the implementation of the Firearms Protocol;

(d) Make recommendations to the Conference on how the working group can better coordinate with the various international bodies combating the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, in the area of supporting and promoting implementation of the Firearms Protocol.

The first meeting of the Working Group on Firearms was held on 21 and 22 May 2012, and the report of the Chair on the activities of the Working Group, including its recommendations, is contained in document CTOC/COP/2012/6.

### **Documentation**

Activities of the Working Group on Firearms: report submitted by the Chair of the Working Group (CTOC/COP/2012/6)

Note by the Secretariat on the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on conducting a study of the transnational nature and routes used in trafficking in firearms (CTOC/COP/2012/12)

### **3. Other serious crimes, as defined in the Convention, including new forms and dimensions of transnational organized crime**

In its resolution 5/1, the Conference noted with concern the emergence, in the past decade, of new forms and dimensions of transnational organized crime, as already noted by the Conference in its decision 4/2, in which it had been emphasized that the



Convention, as a global instrument with wide adherence, offered the broadest scope of cooperation to address existing and emerging forms of transnational organized crime. In its resolution 5/1, the Conference also decided to continue to exchange information on experience and practices on the application of the Convention to new forms and dimensions of transnational organized crime within the scope of the Convention that are of common concern to States parties.

In its resolution 5/6, “Implementation of the provisions on technical assistance of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime”, the Conference requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to provide technical assistance to help Member States to apply, where appropriate, the provisions of the Convention to new forms and dimensions of transnational organized crime within the scope of the Convention that are of common concern to States parties, and to report to the Conference at its sixth session on progress made on that matter. The report on that progress is contained in document CTOC/COP/2012/7.

In its resolution 5/7, entitled “Combating transnational organized crime against cultural property”, the Conference requested the Open-ended Interim Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance and the Working Group on International Cooperation to examine the relevant recommendations and outcomes of the expert group on protection against trafficking in cultural property established in the framework of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and to make recommendations for consideration by the Conference in order to promote the practical application of the Convention. The half-day joint discussion of the two working groups will be held on 18 October 2012. The attention of the Conference is drawn to the analytical report prepared by the Secretariat for the two working groups on the application of the Convention by States parties with respect to criminal offences against cultural property, for which, in accordance with resolution 5/7, States parties were requested to provide information (CTOC/COP/WG.2/2012/3-CTOC/COP/WG.3/2012/4).

Furthermore, since the Convention applies to the prevention, investigation and prosecution of serious crime where the offence is transnational in nature and involves an organized criminal group, the Secretariat has prepared a conference room paper on serious crime (CTOC/COP/2012/CRP.4).

#### **Documentation**

Report of the Secretariat on technical assistance provided to States in the application of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime to new forms and dimensions of transnational organized crime (CTOC/COP/2012/7)

#### **4. International cooperation, with particular emphasis on extradition, mutual legal assistance and international cooperation for the purpose of confiscation, and the establishment and strengthening of central authorities**

In its resolution 5/8, entitled “Implementation of the provisions on international cooperation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime”, the Conference requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to enhance the activities mentioned in its decision 4/2 and to foster

international and regional cooperation by, inter alia, facilitating the development of regional networks and facilitating cooperation among all such networks, drafting a practical guide for practitioners to facilitate international and interregional cooperation for the purposes of confiscation in the framework of the fight against transnational organized crime and developing a practical guide to facilitate the drafting, transmission and execution of requests for extradition and mutual legal assistance pursuant to articles 16 and 18 of the Convention.

Furthermore, the Conference encouraged States parties to continue to make use of the Organized Crime Convention as a legal basis for international cooperation in extradition and mutual legal assistance, including confiscation, taking into account the full scope of cooperation available under its provisions, to promote awareness of the Convention and to facilitate training activities for central authorities, judges, prosecutors, law enforcement officers and officers of national central bureaux of the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) who are engaged in international legal cooperation to combat transnational organized crime through implementation of the Convention and its Protocols.

The Conference also recalled its decision 3/2, in which it had decided that an open-ended working group of Government experts on extradition, mutual legal assistance and international cooperation for purposes of confiscation would be a constant element of the Conference. The next meeting of the Working Group on International Cooperation will be held during the sixth session of the Conference.

#### **Documentation**

Report of the Secretariat on activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to promote the implementation of the provisions on international cooperation in the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (CTOC/COP/2012/9)

#### **5. Technical assistance**

In its resolution 5/1, the Conference recognized that technical assistance was fundamental to ensuring the effective implementation of the provisions of the Convention and the Protocols thereto, and requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue providing technical assistance in order to support and complement national and regional programmes and activities based on the needs of Member States in combating transnational organized crime.

In its resolution 5/6, entitled “Implementation of the provisions on technical assistance of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime”, the Conference, inter alia, acknowledged the continued need for technical assistance to ensure the effective implementation of the Organized Crime Convention and the Protocols thereto, and endorsed the strategic and comprehensive approach to technical assistance adopted by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, incorporating elements of the Convention and its Protocols, as a key priority in integrated national and regional programmes.

The Conference also encouraged the Office to develop a comprehensive thematic approach to preventing and combating organized crime that takes into consideration regional and national needs and that includes legal assistance, the development of

tools, best practices and the establishment of mechanisms involving court trials through a thematic programme on organized crime prevention.

In that resolution, the Conference also reaffirmed its decision 4/3, in which it had decided that the Open-ended Interim Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance should be a constant element of the Conference. The Working Group will hold its next meeting during the sixth session of the Conference.

#### **Documentation**

Report of the Secretariat on technical assistance provided to States in the application of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime to new forms and dimensions of transnational organized crime (CTOC/COP/2012/7)

Report of the Secretariat on the provision of technical assistance to States in the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto (CTOC/COP/2012/10)

Note by the Secretariat on financial and budgetary matters (CTOC/COP/2012/13)

### **6. Financial and budgetary matters**

In its resolution 55/25, the General Assembly decided that, until the Conference decided otherwise, the account referred to in article 30 of the Organized Crime Convention would be operated within the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund, and encouraged Member States to begin making adequate voluntary contributions to the above-mentioned account for the provision to developing countries and countries with economies in transition of the technical assistance that they might require for the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto, including for the preparatory measures needed for that implementation.

In accordance with rule 72 (Preparation of a budget) of the rules of procedure for the Conference, the secretariat is to prepare a budget for the financing of the activities of the Conference related to technical cooperation undertaken in accordance with articles 29-32 of the Convention, article 10 of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol, article 14 of the Smuggling of Migrants Protocol and article 14 of the Firearms Protocol and communicate it to the States parties at least 60 days in advance of the opening of the regular session at which the budget is to be adopted. In accordance with rule 73 (Adoption of the budget) of the rules of procedure, the Conference shall consider and decide on the budget prepared pursuant to rule 72.

#### **Documentation**

Note by the Secretariat on financial and budgetary matters (CTOC/COP/2012/13)

### **7. Provisional agenda for the seventh session of the Conference**

The Conference is to consider and approve a provisional agenda for its seventh session, which shall be drawn up by the secretariat in consultation with the Bureau.

### **8. Other matters**

Under item 12 of the agenda, the Conference may wish to review progress in the promotion of the ratification of or accession to the Convention with a view to

increasing the number of parties thereto and thus contributing to universal adherence to the instrument.

**9. Adoption of the report of the Conference on its sixth session**

The Conference is to adopt a report on its sixth session, the draft of which will be prepared by the Rapporteur.

## Annex

## Proposed organization of work

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Parallel meeting</i>
<b>Monday, 15 October</b>		
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3-6 p.m.	Item 2. Review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto Item 2 (a). United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime	Working Group on International Cooperation
<b>Tuesday, 16 October</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 2 (b). Trafficking in Persons Protocol	Working Group on International Cooperation ( <i>continued</i> )
3-6 p.m.	Item 2 (c). Smuggling of Migrants Protocol	Working Group on International Cooperation ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Wednesday, 17 October</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 2 (d). Firearms Protocol	Open-ended Interim Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance
3-6 p.m.	Item 3. Other serious crimes, as defined in the Convention, including new forms and dimensions of transnational organized crime	Open-ended Interim Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Thursday, 18 October</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 4. International cooperation with particular emphasis on extradition, mutual legal assistance and international cooperation for the purpose of confiscation, and the establishment and strengthening of central authorities	Joint discussion on cultural property of the Open-ended Interim Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance and the Working Group on International Cooperation
3-6 p.m.	Item 5. Technical assistance	

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Parallel meeting</i>
<b>Friday, 19 October</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 5. Technical assistance ( <i>continued</i> )	
3-6 p.m.	Item 6. Financial and budgetary matters Item 7. Provisional agenda for the seventh session of the Conference Item 8. Other matters Item 9. Adoption of the report of the Conference on its sixth session	

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