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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the [[[FunctionalTitle2]]] and has the honour to draw the attention of the Government to decision 4/1 of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime on “Possible mechanisms to review implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto”.

In its decision 4/1, the Conference 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 United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC Convention) and the Protocols thereto. It further requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to convene at least one open-ended intergovernmental meeting of experts, with interpretation, in Vienna by September 2009, said meeting to present a report to the Conference at its fifth session on mechanisms, as appropriate, for reviewing the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols. Such meeting took place in Vienna on 30 September 2009 and decided to hold a subsequent meeting in Vienna in January 2010.

The Government is cordially invited to participate in the second meeting of the Open-ended intergovernmental meeting of experts on possible mechanisms to review implementation of the UNTOC Convention and the Protocols thereto, which will be held in Vienna, Austria, on 25 and 26 January 2010.

Documentation including the annotated provisional agenda and proposed organization of work will be electronically available in all the official United Nations languages at the Internet page of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and can be accessed through the following address:

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/treaties/second-open-ended-intergovernmental-meeting-of-experts-on-possible-mechanisms-to-review-implementation-of-the-untoc-convention-2010.html>

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..... Attached is a copy of an information note for participants regarding administrative details and instructions to facilitate travel, visa, hotel and other arrangements.

It would be appreciated if the Government's response to this invitation could be sent directly to the Secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, P.O. Box 500, 1400 Vienna, Austria, Fax: +43-1 26060 74344 or a scanned copy to email: untoc.cop@unodc.org.

Information on the composition of the Government's delegation, including name(s), title(s), e-mail address(es) and contact details, should be received by the Secretariat **by 15 January 2010 at the latest**. Providing the individual e-mail address will allow participants to receive a link to upload a photograph in order to shorten the time to issue badges upon arrival at the Vienna International Centre, Security Gate 1. Providing the individual e-mail address will also allow the Secretariat, if necessary, to send important information and updates regarding the meeting.

11 December 2009

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of stylized initials 'SR'.