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**Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on
Asset Recovery**

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**Annotated provisional agenda and proposed organization
of work**

Provisional agenda

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 - (f) Identifying capacity-building needs of States parties in the prevention and detection of transfers of proceeds of corruption and income or benefits derived from such proceeds and in asset recovery.
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Annotations

1. Organizational matters

(a) Opening of the meeting

The meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group will be opened on Monday, 27 August 2007, at 10 a.m.

(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda for the meeting was prepared in accordance with resolution 1/4, entitled "Establishment of an intergovernmental working group on asset recovery", adopted by the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption at its first session, held in Amman from 10 to 14 December 2006.

The proposed organization of work (see annex) was prepared pursuant to resolution 1/4 to facilitate consideration of the agenda items within the time and in accordance with the conference services available to the Working Group.

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

2. Implementation of the mandate on asset recovery of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption

In its resolution 1/4, the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption decided to establish an interim open-ended intergovernmental working group, in accordance with article 63, paragraph 4, of the United Nations Convention against Corruption and rule 2, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure for the Conference of the States Parties, to advise and assist the Conference in the implementation of its mandate on the return of proceeds of corruption.

In the same resolution, the Conference of the States Parties also decided that the working group should perform the following functions:

(a) Assist the Conference of the States Parties in developing cumulative knowledge in the area of asset recovery, especially on the implementation of articles 52-58 of the Convention, such as through mechanisms for locating, freezing, seizing, confiscating and returning the instruments and proceeds of corruption, in particular, the provisions of article 57;

(b) Assist the Conference of the States Parties in encouraging cooperation among relevant existing bilateral and multilateral initiatives and to contribute to the implementation of the related provisions of the Convention under the guidance of the Conference;

(c) Facilitate exchange of information among States by identifying and disseminating among States good practices to be followed to strengthen, both at the national level and in the framework of mutual legal assistance in criminal matters, efforts to prevent and combat corruption and facilitate the return of the proceeds of corruption;

(d) Build confidence and encourage cooperation between requesting and requested States by bringing together relevant competent authorities and anti-corruption bodies and practitioners involved in asset recovery and the fight against corruption and by serving as a forum for them;

(e) Facilitate the exchange of ideas among States on the expeditious return of assets, including ideas on plans for providing legal and technical expertise that requesting States need in order to follow international legal procedures for asset recovery;

(f) Assist the Conference of the States Parties in identifying the capacity-building needs, including long-term needs, of States parties in the prevention and detection of transfers of proceeds of corruption and income or benefits derived from such proceeds and in asset recovery.

Also in the same resolution, the Conference of the States Parties decided that the working group should meet during the sessions of the Conference and, as appropriate, should hold at least one intersessional meeting within existing resources. The Conference also decided that the working group submit to it reports on all its activities.

Documentation

Background paper prepared by the Secretariat on innovative solutions on asset recovery (CAC/COSP/WG.2/2007/2)

3. Conclusions and recommendations

The Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group is expected to submit its recommendations on the appropriate mechanisms for the return of the proceeds of corruption to the Conference of the States Parties at its second session, for consideration and action.

4. 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</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Monday, 27 August	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 (a)	Development of cumulative knowledge in the area of asset recovery, especially on the implementation of articles 52-58 of the Convention
		2 (b)	Cooperation among relevant bilateral and multilateral initiatives
		2 (b)	Cooperation among relevant bilateral and multilateral initiatives (<i>continuation</i>)
Tuesday, 28 August	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	2 (c)	Facilitating the exchange of information among States
		2 (d)	Building confidence and encouraging cooperation between requesting and requested States
	3-6 p.m.	2 (e)	Facilitating the exchange of ideas among States on the expeditious return of assets
		2 (e)	Facilitating the exchange of ideas among States on the expeditious return of assets (<i>continuation</i>)
		2 (f)	Identifying capacity-building needs of States parties in the prevention and detection of transfers of proceeds of corruption and income or benefits derived from such proceeds and in asset recovery
		3	Conclusions and recommendations
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