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## **Annotations**

### **1. Organizational matters**

#### **(a) Opening of the fifth session**

By its resolution 58/4, the General Assembly adopted the United Nations Convention against Corruption, article 63 of which establishes a Conference of the States Parties to the Convention to improve the capacity of and cooperation between States parties to achieve the objectives set forth in the Convention and to promote and review its implementation. Pursuant to paragraph 2 of that article, the first session of the Conference was held in Amman from 10 to 14 December 2006. In accordance with rule 3, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure for the Conference, adopted at its first session, the second regular session was to be held within one year after the first session. Pursuant to Conference decision 1/1, the second session was held in Nusa Dua, Indonesia, from 28 January to 1 February 2008. Pursuant to Conference decision 2/1, the third session was held in Doha from 9 to 13 November 2009. Pursuant to Conference decision 3/1, the fourth session was held in Marrakech, Morocco, from 24 to 28 October 2011.

In its decision 3/1, the Conference, recalling General Assembly resolution 47/202 A, on the pattern of conferences, taking into consideration rule 3, paragraph 2, and rule 6 of its rules of procedure, and welcoming the offer by the Government of Panama to act as host to the fifth session of the Conference, decided that its fifth session would be held in Panama in 2013.

The fifth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption will be opened on Monday, 25 November 2013, at 10 a.m. at the Atlapa Convention Center in Panama City.

#### **(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, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur shall be elected from among the representatives of the States parties present at the session.

In accordance with the same rule, the President, the Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur shall serve as the officers of the Conference at each session. In electing the officers of the session, each of the five regional groups shall be represented by one officer. The offices of the President and the Rapporteur of the Conference shall normally be subject to rotation among the five regional groups.

In accordance with standard practice established for conferences held away from United Nations Headquarters at the invitation of a Government, the President is normally a representative of the host Government. The Conference followed that practice at its first, second, third and fourth sessions, at which the representatives of Jordan, Indonesia, Qatar and Morocco, respectively, were elected President. Should the Conference decide to follow that practice at its fifth session, the representative of Panama would be elected President of the Conference and the Asian States would be expected to nominate the Rapporteur. Should the Conference, however, decide to follow rule 22 of its rules of procedure, the African States would be expected to nominate the President and the Asian States would be expected to nominate the Rapporteur.

Regional groups are urged to engage in consultations on the nomination of candidates to fill the elective offices well in advance of the beginning of the session, with a view to agreeing on a slate of candidates whose number is equal to the number of offices to be filled, thus allowing all officers of the Conference at its fifth session to be elected by acclamation and dispensing with the requirement for a secret ballot.

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

At its fourth session, the Conference approved the draft provisional agenda for its fifth session (CAC/COSP/2011/L.2).

The proposed organization of work was prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure for the Conference.

The organization of work is intended to facilitate consideration of the agenda items within the time and resources available to the Conference. The resources available to the Conference at its fifth session will permit the holding of parallel meetings with simultaneous interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations. The Conference will thus be able to hold a total of 18 meetings with simultaneous interpretation.

**(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 signatory to the Convention shall, in accordance with its article 67, paragraphs 1 and 2, be entitled to participate as an observer in the Conference, and may accordingly take part in its deliberations.

Rule 15 of the rules of procedure provides that any State or regional economic integration organization that has not signed the Convention in accordance with its article 67, 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, the following shall be entitled to participate as observers in the deliberations of the Conference: 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.

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. Other relevant non-governmental organizations may also apply to the bureau for observer status. The secretariat shall circulate as a document a list of such organizations with sufficient information at least 30 days prior to the session of the Conference. If there is no objection to a non-governmental organization being granted observer status, such status should be

accorded unless otherwise decided by the Conference. If there is an objection, the matter will be referred to the Conference for a decision.

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

Rule 19 of the rules of procedure provides that the bureau of any session shall examine the credentials and submit its report to the Conference. Rule 20 provides that, pending a decision of the bureau upon 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 taken its decision.

**(f) General discussion**

A sub-item entitled “General discussion” was included in the agenda to allow time for high-level representatives to make statements on matters of a general nature that are related to the implementation of the Convention. The secretariat proposes that the general discussion of the Conference be held at the beginning of its session to provide high-level representatives with an opportunity to express their views and set out the political direction for the Conference. Such organization of the session’s work would also allow more focused and interactive exchanges to take place under the substantive items of the agenda.

A list of speakers will be opened by the Secretariat on 24 October 2013 and will remain open until noon on 25 November 2013. Requests for inscription on the list will be honoured 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 five minutes.

**2. Review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption**

Pursuant to article 63, paragraph 5, of the Convention, the Conference is to acquire the necessary knowledge of the measures taken by States parties in implementing the Convention — and the difficulties encountered by them in doing so — through information provided by them and through such supplemental review mechanisms as may be established by the Conference.

In its resolution 1/1, adopted at its first session, the Conference agreed that it was necessary to establish an appropriate mechanism to assist it in reviewing the implementation of the Convention, and established an open-ended intergovernmental expert working group to make recommendations to it. In the same resolution, the Conference underlined the characteristics that the review mechanism should have.

In its resolution 2/1, the Conference set out additional principles that the review mechanism should reflect and tasked the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Review of the Implementation of the Convention with preparing terms of reference for a review mechanism for consideration, action and possible adoption by the Conference at its third session.

At its third session, held in Doha from 9 to 13 November 2009, the Conference adopted resolution 3/1, establishing the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, in accordance with article 63, paragraph 7, of the Convention. The annex to resolution 3/1 contains the terms of reference of the Mechanism, as well as the draft guidelines for governmental experts and the secretariat in the conduct of country reviews and the draft blueprint for country review reports.

In its resolution 3/1, the Conference established the Implementation Review Group, the functions of which would be to have an overview of the review process in order to identify challenges and good practices and to consider technical assistance requirements in order to ensure the effective implementation of the Convention. On the basis of its deliberations, the Group is to submit recommendations and conclusions to the Conference for its consideration and approval.

The Conference also decided that each implementation review phase would be composed of two review cycles, each of five years, and that one fourth of the States parties would be reviewed in each of the first four years of each review cycle. In the same resolution, the Conference also decided to review during the first cycle the implementation of chapters III (Criminalization and law enforcement) and IV (International cooperation) of the Convention and, during the second cycle, the implementation of chapters II (Preventive measures) and V (Asset recovery).

At its fourth session, held in Marrakech from 24 to 28 October 2011, the Conference adopted resolution 4/1, entitled “Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption”. In that resolution, the Conference endorsed the guidelines for governmental experts and the secretariat in the conduct of country reviews and the blueprint for country review reports, which had been finalized by the Implementation Review Group at its first session.

In its resolution 4/1, the Conference endorsed the practice followed by the Implementation Review Group with regard to the procedural issues arising from the drawing of lots.

Pursuant to paragraph 35 of the terms of reference of the Review Mechanism, the secretariat is to compile the most common and relevant information on successes, good practices, challenges, observations and technical assistance needs contained in the country review reports and to include them, organized by theme, in a thematic implementation report and regional supplementary addenda, for submission to the Implementation Review Group.

The thematic implementation reports and regional addenda should serve as the basis for the analytical work of the Group.

Taking note of the thematic reports on the implementation of chapters III and IV of the Convention prepared by the secretariat in its resolution 4/1, the Conference invited States parties to be guided, bearing in mind paragraph 8 of the terms of reference, by the experience that was being accumulated through those reports in their efforts to implement their obligations under the Convention.

The Conference will have before it the thematic reports on the implementation of chapters III and IV of the Convention, as well as regional addenda for both chapters. Those reports are based on country review reports that were final or close to finalization when the present document was being drafted.

The Implementation Review Group has held the following sessions: first session from 28 June to 2 July 2010; resumed first session from 29 November to 1 December 2010; second session from 30 May to 2 June 2011; resumed second session from 7 to 9 September 2011; continued resumed second session on 25 October 2011, on the margins of the Conference held in Marrakech; third session from 18 to 22 June 2012; resumed third session from 14 to 16 November 2012; and fourth session from 27 to 31 May 2013. All sessions were held in Vienna, unless indicated otherwise. The resumed fourth session of the Group will be held during the fifth session of the Conference in Panama City.

Building on the background documents and information provided during the meetings of the Implementation Review Group, the secretariat has prepared a background paper for consideration by the Conference containing a progress report on the implementation of the mandates of the Implementation Review Group and a note on the impact of the work of the Implementation Review Mechanism.

The Conference may wish to consider, in accordance with paragraph 46 of the terms of reference, the recommendations and conclusions of the Implementation Review Group, as well as the establishment of policies and priorities related to the review process, in accordance with paragraph 45 of the terms of reference.

In particular, the Conference may wish to provide guidance on the procedural aspects of the work of the Mechanism and the indicative timelines for review contained in the guidelines for governmental experts and the secretariat.

The Conference may wish to discuss the challenges facing States parties and signatories seeking to implement the provisions of the Convention and also to share successes and good practices emerging from the reviews. The Conference may further wish to provide guidance to the Group on how to enhance the delivery of technical assistance in the light of the priority areas identified as a result of the review process for chapters III and IV of the Convention.

In its resolution 3/1, the Conference underlined that the Mechanism would require a budget that ensured its efficient, continued and impartial functioning.

In its resolution 4/1, the Conference endorsed resolution 1/1, adopted by the Implementation Review Group on the resource requirements for the functioning of the Implementation Review Mechanism in the biennium 2012-2013. Budgetary information on expenditure incurred so far for the first, second and third years of operation of the Implementation Review Mechanism, as well as revised estimates for the first three years of operation of the Mechanism and resources received for the biennium 2012-2013, from both the regular budget and voluntary contributions was submitted to the Implementation Review Group. Resource requirements for the fourth year of operation of the Mechanism are also presented.

The Conference may wish to base its deliberations on the information contained in the note prepared by the Secretariat on financial and budgetary matters (CAC/COSP/2013/15).

### **Documentation**

Thematic report prepared by the Secretariat on the implementation of chapter III (Criminalization and law enforcement) of the United Nations Convention against Corruption: review of articles 15 to 29 (CAC/COSP/2013/6)

Thematic report prepared by the Secretariat on the implementation of chapter III (Criminalization and law enforcement) of the United Nations Convention against Corruption: review of articles 30 to 39 (CAC/COSP/2013/7)

Thematic report prepared by the Secretariat on the implementation of chapter III (Criminalization and law enforcement) of the United Nations Convention against Corruption: review of articles 40 to 42 (CAC/COSP/2013/8)

Thematic report prepared by the Secretariat on the implementation of chapter IV (International cooperation) of the United Nations Convention against Corruption: review of articles 44 and 45 (CAC/COSP/2013/9)

Thematic report prepared by the Secretariat on the implementation of chapter IV (International cooperation) of the United Nations Convention against Corruption: review of articles 46 to 50 (CAC/COSP/2013/10)

Report prepared by the Secretariat on regional implementation of chapter III (Criminalization and law enforcement) of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (CAC/COSP/2013/11)

Report prepared by the Secretariat on regional implementation of chapter IV (International cooperation) of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (CAC/COSP/2013/12)

Progress report on the implementation of the mandates of the Implementation Review Group (CAC/COSP/2013/13)

Note by the Secretariat on translating commitment into results: the impact of the United Nations Convention against Corruption and the Implementation Review Mechanism (CAC/COSP/2013/14)

Note by the Secretariat on financial and budgetary matters (CAC/COSP/2013/15)

Note by the Secretariat on the compilation of procedural requirements and practice regarding the drawing of lots (CAC/COSP/2013/16)

### **3. Technical assistance**

In its resolution 3/1, the Conference decided that the Implementation Review Group was to follow up and continue the work previously undertaken by the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Technical Assistance. In accordance with that resolution, technical assistance is an integral component of the Review Mechanism. One goal of the review process is thus to help States parties to identify and substantiate specific needs for technical assistance and to promote and facilitate the provision of technical assistance. The Conference, in its resolution 3/4, endorsed country-led and country-based, integrated and coordinated technical assistance delivery as an effective vehicle for the further implementation of the Convention, and encouraged donors and other assistance providers to incorporate those concepts and capacity-building into their technical assistance programmes.

The Conference will have before it a background paper prepared by the Secretariat on technical assistance in support of the implementation of the Convention (CAC/COSP/2013/4-CAC/COSP/IRG/2013/13). The background paper is intended to provide a brief overview of technical assistance delivered and to give a preview of the technical assistance activities that the United Nations Office on Drugs and

Crime (UNODC) is planning to implement in the near future, some of them in close cooperation with bilateral and multilateral partners, as has been recommended by the Implementation Review Group.

At its second session, the Implementation Review Group took into account that, pursuant to paragraph 11 of the terms of reference, one of the goals of the Review Mechanism was to help States parties to identify and substantiate specific needs for technical assistance and to promote and facilitate the provision of technical assistance. The Group adopted recommendations in furtherance of that mandate, which were endorsed by the Conference at its fourth session, in its resolution 4/1.

The Conference repeatedly recognized the continuing and valuable role of technical assistance within the Review Mechanism, as well as the importance of country-led and country-based, integrated and coordinated programming and delivery of technical assistance as an effective means of addressing the technical assistance needs of States parties. In its resolution 4/1, the Conference requested the secretariat to continue to develop a three-tiered approach — global, regional and national. The note by the Secretariat (CAC/COSP/2013/5) contains consolidated information and analysis of needs emerging from the review process and priority areas in technical assistance, identified by States under review during the review process.

#### **Documentation**

Background paper prepared by the Secretariat on technical assistance in support of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (CAC/COSP/2013/4)

Note by the Secretariat on analysis of technical assistance needs emerging from the review (CAC/COSP/2013/5)

#### **4. Prevention**

The Conference, at both its third and fourth sessions, emphasized the central importance of preventive measures in the fight against corruption. In its resolution 3/2 the Conference, at its third session, established the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption and mandated it to assist the Conference in, inter alia: (a) developing and accumulating knowledge in the area of prevention of corruption; (b) facilitating the exchange of information and experience among States on preventive measures and practices; (c) facilitating the collection, dissemination and promotion of best practices in the prevention of corruption; and (d) assisting the Conference in encouraging cooperation among all stakeholders and sectors of society in order to prevent corruption.

At its fourth session, the Conference adopted resolution 4/3, entitled “Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption”, in which it decided that the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption would continue its work of advising and assisting the Conference in the implementation of its mandate on the prevention of corruption, and would hold at least two meetings prior to the fifth session of the Conference. The Secretariat was requested to continue to assist the Working Group in the performance of its functions.

Pursuant to Conference resolutions 3/2 and 4/3, the Working Group has held four meetings. At its third and fourth meetings, held in Vienna from 27 to 29 August 2012 and from 26 to 28 August 2013, the Working Group discussed the following topics: conflicts of interest; reporting acts of corruption and asset declarations; implementation of article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, including the use of public-private partnerships; integrity in the judiciary, judicial administration and prosecution services; and public education, in particular the engagement of children and young people and the role of mass media and the Internet. The Conference may wish to consider the recommendations made by the Working Group at its third and fourth meetings, which are contained in the reports produced by the Secretariat (CAC/COSP/WG.4/2012/5 and CAC/COSP/WG.4/2013/5).

In its resolution 4/3 the Conference also underlined the importance of building legislative and institutional frameworks consistent with the requirements of chapter II of the Convention.

More specifically, the Conference called upon States parties to, inter alia: promote the business community's engagement in the prevention of corruption; raise public awareness of corruption and laws and regulations against corruption; continue promoting the participation of individuals and groups outside the public sector, such as civil society, non-governmental organizations and community-based organizations, in the prevention of and the fight against corruption; and promote, at various levels of the education system, educational programmes that instil concepts and principles of integrity.

Additionally, the Conference requested the secretariat to, inter alia: perform the functions of an international observatory gathering existing information on good practices in preventing corruption; provide technical assistance to States parties, upon request, with a view to advancing the implementation of chapter II, including in preparing for participation in the review process for chapter II; and continue to take forward a number of existing initiatives in the field of prevention, including by promoting awareness of the principles of the Convention among the business and academic communities.

The Conference may wish to consider the progress made by both States parties and the Secretariat in the implementation of the Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption, identifying both key successes and areas where further efforts may be required.

The Conference may also wish to consider future possibilities for the Working Group in terms of advising and assisting the Conference in the implementation of its mandates on the prevention of corruption, particularly in preparation for the review of the implementation of chapter II of the Convention in the second review cycle, scheduled to commence in 2015.

### **Documentation**

Report on the status of implementation of Conference resolution 4/3, entitled "Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption" (CAC/COSP/2013/17-CAC/COSP/WG.4/2013/4)

Report of the fourth meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Prevention (Vienna, 27 to 29 August 2012) (CAC/COSP/WG.4/2013/5)

Report on the status of implementation of Conference resolution 4/3, entitled “Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption” (CAC/COSP/WG.4/2012/4)

Report of the third meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Prevention (Vienna, 27 to 29 August 2012) (CAC/COSP/WG.4/2012/5)

## **5. Asset recovery**

Asset recovery was an issue of high priority for the Conference at its previous sessions. In its resolution 1/4, the Conference decided to establish an interim open ended intergovernmental working group to advise and assist it in the implementation of its mandate on the return of proceeds of corruption.

The Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery was mandated to assist the Conference in, inter alia, developing cumulative knowledge in the area of asset recovery, encouraging cooperation, facilitating exchange of information and identifying the capacity-building needs of States parties in that area.

In its resolution 2/3, the Conference decided that the Working Group should continue its work with a view to identifying ways and means of translating into concrete action the recommendations of its first meeting, held on 27 and 28 August 2007. In its resolutions 3/3 and 4/4, the Conference renewed the mandate of the Working Group and decided that it should continue its work of advising and assisting the Conference in the implementation of its mandate on the return of the proceeds of corruption, and that it should also submit reports on its activities to the Conference. Pursuant to resolution 4/4, two meetings of the Working Group were held in Vienna, on 30 and 31 August 2012 and 29 and 30 August 2013.

The Conference may wish to devote attention to the debates within the Working Group and the outcome of its meetings. At its sixth meeting, held on 30 and 31 August 2012, the Working Group adopted a multi-year workplan aimed at preparing States for the review of the implementation of chapter V of the Convention during the second review cycle. Pursuant to that workplan, at the same meeting the Working Group held a thematic discussion on cooperation in confiscation in accordance with article 54 (Mechanisms for recovery of property through international cooperation in confiscation) and article 55 (International cooperation for purposes of confiscation). At its seventh meeting, held on 29 and 30 August 2013, the Working Group held a thematic discussion on article 56 (Special cooperation) and article 58 (Financial intelligence unit), as well as on cooperation in freezing and seizure in accordance with article 54 (Mechanisms for recovery of property through international cooperation in confiscation) and article 55 (International cooperation for purposes of confiscation). The Working Group also held discussions on advancing practical aspects of asset recovery, including challenges and good practices, as well as on updates on and developments relating to thematic discussions at its sixth meeting, and on capacity-building and technical assistance.

The Conference may wish to give consideration to the efforts to promote informal channels of communication among States parties, including through the use or expansion of relevant networks and their secure communication systems.

Further, the Conference may address capacity-building and technical assistance for asset recovery, including the recommendation made by the Working Group that States should consider adopting a curriculum approach to technical assistance programmes and coordination at the regional level.

The Conference may further consider the other proposals made by the Working Group, which are contained in the reports on its sixth and seventh meetings, as well as the background papers prepared by the Secretariat on progress made during its sixth and seventh meetings in the implementation of the recommendations of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery.

### **Documentation**

Background paper prepared by the Secretariat: progress made in the implementation of the recommendations of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery: selected highlights from two years of asset recovery work under the Convention (CAC/COSP/2013/2)

Note by the Secretariat on progress made in the implementation of asset recovery mandates (CAC/COSP/WG.2/2013/3)

Report on the meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery held in Vienna on 29 and 30 August 2013 (CAC/COSP/WG.2/2013/4)

Note by the Secretariat on strengthening international asset recovery efforts: progress report on the implementation of asset recovery mandates (CAC/COSP/WG.2/2012/3)

Report on the meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery held in Vienna on 30 and 31 August 2012 (CAC/COSP/WG.2/2012/4)

## **6. International cooperation**

At its fourth session, the Conference adopted resolution 4/2, entitled “Convening of open-ended intergovernmental expert meetings to enhance international cooperation”. In that resolution, the Conference decided to convene open-ended intergovernmental expert meetings on international cooperation to advise and assist it with respect to extradition and mutual legal assistance, and to convene one such meeting during its fifth session and, prior to that, within existing resources, at least one intersessional meeting.

In the same resolution, the Conference also decided that the expert meetings should perform the following functions: (a) assist it in developing cumulative knowledge in the area of international cooperation; (b) assist it in encouraging cooperation among relevant existing bilateral, regional and multilateral initiatives and contribute to the implementation of the related provisions of the Convention under the guidance of the Conference; (c) facilitate the exchange of experiences among States by identifying challenges and disseminating information on good practices to be

followed in order to strengthen capacities at the national level; (d) build confidence and encourage cooperation between requesting and requested States by bringing together relevant competent authorities, anti-corruption bodies and practitioners involved in mutual legal assistance and extradition; and (e) assist the Conference in identifying the capacity-building needs of States.

Pursuant to resolution 4/2, the first meeting of experts to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption was held in Vienna on 22 and 23 October 2012.

The meeting of experts welcomed the briefing provided by the secretariat on the outcome of the review process on chapter IV of the Convention. It requested the secretariat to continue to brief the meeting on its analysis of information received in the context of the reviews of chapter IV, with a view to allowing the meeting to make recommendations to the Conference on follow-up actions required to ensure the full implementation of chapter IV.

The participants noted the lack of information provided by States parties on the practical implementation of chapter IV, including statistical information, as part of the Review Mechanism, which was regarded as an important addition to the information on legislative provisions. The meeting recommended that States parties consider adopting a common approach to the gathering of statistics.

The meeting also recommended that the secretariat tailor its advisory services and technical assistance in order to respond to the needs of States parties in fully implementing chapter IV, based on the challenges identified both through the Review Mechanism and during the meeting.

The second meeting of experts to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption will be opened on Monday, 25 November 2013, at 3 p.m., as part of the proceedings of the Conference at its fifth session.

States parties may wish to use the meeting of experts as a platform for exchanging information on good practices and new developments in the area of international cooperation and on practical challenges relating to international cooperation.

The experts may also wish to exchange views and experiences on existing challenges encountered in the area of international cooperation to combat corruption, as well as capacity-building priorities to address those challenges.

The Conference may further wish to consider the conclusions and recommendations of both expert meetings and to decide on the future course of action of the expert meetings, in view of the synergies and complementarities with the work of the Working Group on International Cooperation of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.

### **Documentation**

Progress report on implementing the mandates of the expert group on international cooperation: background document prepared by the Secretariat (CAC/COSP/EG.1/2013/2)

Thematic report prepared by the Secretariat on the implementation of chapter IV (International cooperation) of the United Nations Convention against Corruption: review of articles 44 and 45 (CAC/COSP/2013/9)

Thematic report prepared by the Secretariat on the implementation of chapter IV (International cooperation) of the United Nations Convention against Corruption: review of articles 46 to 50 (CAC/COSP/2013/10)

Report prepared by the Secretariat on the regional implementation of chapter IV (International cooperation) of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (CAC/COSP/2013/12)

Report on the meeting of experts to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption held in Vienna on 22 and 23 October 2012 (CAC/COSP/EG.1/2012/2)

#### **7. Other matters**

In considering item 7 of the agenda, the Conference may wish to review progress made in the further promotion of the ratification of or accession to the Convention, in order to increase the number of parties thereto and thus contribute to universal adherence to the instrument. Information on the status of ratification and notifications of the United Nations Convention against Corruption will be made available in a conference room paper (CAC/COSP/2013/CRP.1).

With regard to notification requirements under the Convention, the Conference may wish to consider how best to ensure the availability of the up-to-date information required in accordance with article 6, paragraph 3; article 23, paragraph 2 (d); article 44, paragraph 6 (a); article 46, paragraphs 13 and 14; article 55, paragraph 5; and article 66, paragraph 4, of the Convention.

#### **8. Provisional agenda for the sixth session**

The Conference is to consider and approve the provisional agenda for its sixth session, which will be drawn up by the Secretariat in consultation with the bureau.

#### **9. Adoption of the report**

The Conference is to adopt the report on its fifth session, which will be drafted by the Rapporteur.

## Annex

**Proposed organization of work of the fifth session of the  
Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations  
Convention against Corruption, to be held in Panama City  
from 25 to 29 November 2013**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Monday, 25 November	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	1 (a)	Opening of the session		
		1 (b)	Election of officers		
		1 (c)	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work		
		1 (d)	Participation of observers		
		1 (e)	Adoption of the report of the bureau on credentials		
	3-6 p.m.	1 (f)	General discussion ( <i>continued</i> )		International Cooperation Expert Meeting
Tuesday, 26 November	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	1 (f)	General discussion ( <i>continued</i> )		International Cooperation Expert Meeting ( <i>continued</i> )
	3-6 p.m.	4	Prevention		Resumed fourth session of the Implementation Review Group
Wednesday, 27 November	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	4	Prevention		Resumed fourth session of the Implementation Review Group ( <i>continued</i> )
	3-6 p.m.	5 and 6	Asset recovery and international cooperation		Informal consultations
Thursday, 28 November	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5 and 6	Asset recovery and international cooperation ( <i>continued</i> )		Informal consultations
	3-6 p.m.	2 and 3	Review of implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption; and technical assistance		Informal consultations
Friday, 29 November	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	2 and 3	Review of implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption; and technical assistance ( <i>continued</i> )		Informal consultations
	3-6 p.m.	7	Other matters		
		2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	Consideration and adoption of decisions		
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