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1. Organizational matters

(a) Opening of the meeting

The meeting of the Open-ended Interim Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance will be convened on Thursday, 1 October 2009, 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 4/3 of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, entitled "Implementation of the provisions on technical assistance of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime", adopted by the Conference at its fourth session, held in Vienna from 8 to 17 October 2008.



In its decision 4/3, the Conference recalled articles 29 and 30 of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, which set forth the obligation of States parties to promote technical assistance and training. In that decision, the Conference recalled the need for technical assistance providers to raise awareness and to emphasize the importance of the Convention and the Protocols thereto and the role of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in implementing those instruments.

In the same decision, the Conference decided that the Open-ended Interim Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance would be a constant element of the Conference and requested the Secretariat to organize an intersessional meeting of the Working Group before the end of 2009.

The proposed organization of work contained in the annex to the present document was prepared in accordance with Conference decision 4/3 to enable the Working Group to perform its mandated functions within the time and according to the conference services available to the meeting.

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

2. Review of technical assistance needs

In its decision 4/3, the Conference urged donor countries and technical assistance providers to take into consideration the needs identified in the analytical reports¹ in the formulation of technical assistance activities, in conjunction with recipient Governments, and in particular the need for legislative assistance and training of criminal justice practitioners. For its consideration of the discussion on this item and to facilitate deliberations, the Working Group has before it a document summarizing the technical assistance needs identified by States in their responses to the questionnaires/checklist on the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols (CTOC/COP/WG.2/2009/2).

In its decision 4/3, the Conference also took note with appreciation of the proposals for technical assistance activities contained in the working paper prepared by the Secretariat on proposals for technical activities designed to meet the needs identified in the priority areas determined by the Conference (CTOC/COP/2008/16) and requested the Working Group to use those proposals as a basis for its deliberations. In that context, the Working Group may also wish to take into consideration, as appropriate, the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the mandates of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, with particular reference to the technical cooperation activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (A/64/123).

The Working Group may wish to advise the Conference and the Secretariat on appropriate actions to be taken.

¹ CTOC/COP/2005/2/Rev.2, CTOC/COP/2005/3/Rev.2, CTOC/COP/2005/4/Rev.2, CTOC/COP/2006/2/Rev.1, CTOC/COP/2006/6/Rev.1, CTOC/COP/2006/7/Rev.1 and CTOC/COP/2006/8/Rev.1.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the mandates of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, with particular reference to the technical cooperation activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (A/64/123)

Working paper prepared by the Secretariat on proposals for technical assistance activities designed to meet the needs identified in the priority areas determined by the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (CTOC/COP/2008/16)

Overview of technical assistance needs identified by States in their responses to the questionnaires/checklist on the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto (CTOC/COP/WG.2/2009/2)

3. Coordination among technical assistance providers for the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto

In its decision 4/3, the Conference stressed the need to ensure that the technical assistance provided made the maximum impact, in accordance with the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, and avoided duplication and overlap. The Conference stressed the importance of sharing the results of evaluation of technical assistance provided in order to have a greater common understanding of what works and what does not.

In the same decision, the Conference recognized that the following principles should underpin mechanisms for ensuring coordination and should be taken into account:

(a) The importance of recipient States carrying out needs analyses, taking into account information given in response to questionnaires and the discussions and views expressed at the sessions of the Conference;

(b) The importance of technical assistance providers taking such needs analyses into account when designing programmes of assistance, which should preferably be provided in a language agreed to by the receiving State;

(c) The need for a partnership approach, common goals and commitment on the part of those receiving and providing technical assistance, and the need to take into account the activities of other bodies, such as civil society and international or regional organizations;

(d) The need for effective coordination within States providing and receiving assistance;

(e) The need for coordination between donors, building on existing local, regional and multilateral mechanisms.

In its decision 4/3, the Conference also invited technical assistance providers, together with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and, as appropriate, its field offices, to strengthen coordination efforts in host countries, noting, in particular, the potential for the Office to act as a coordinator and facilitator of

requests for and the provision of technical assistance, in order to ensure the effectiveness of such assistance.

In the same decision, the Conference requested the Working Group to further reflect on ways and means to strengthen and better coordinate the scheme of technical assistance for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols and submit recommendations in that regard to the Conference at its fifth session.

Documentation

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime regional programmes: a strategic planning and implementation tool (E/CN.7/2009/CRP.6–E/CN.15/2009/CRP.6)

4. Mobilization of resources

In its decision 4/3, the Conference encouraged donor countries and relevant organizations to allocate funds to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund in order to improve its capacity as a provider and coordinator of technical assistance. The Conference also invited States parties and States signatories to the Convention to provide voluntary contributions to the Office for its technical assistance activities in order to further the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols, in particular with respect to the above-mentioned recommendations as well as the proposals contained in the working paper prepared by the Secretariat.

The Working Group may wish to continue its consideration of this item and make recommendations to the Conference with a view to assisting and advising the Conference in the implementation of its mandate under article 32, paragraph 3 (a), of the Convention.

Documentation

Working paper prepared by the Secretariat on proposals for technical assistance activities designed to meet the needs identified in the priority areas determined by the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (CTOC/COP/2008/16)

Note by the Secretariat on financial and budgetary matters (CTOC/COP/2008/17)

5. 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 and time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Thursday, 1 October		
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	Review of technical assistance needs
	2	Review of technical assistance needs (<i>continued</i>)
Friday, 2 October		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	3	Coordination among technical assistance providers for the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto
3–6 p.m.	3	Coordination among technical assistance providers for the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto (<i>continued</i>)
	4	Mobilization of resources
	5	Adoption of the report