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Convention against Transnational Organized Crime
and the Protocols thereto

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

**Technical assistance** 

Reports on the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto

Note by the Secretariat

Reports on the meetings of the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons held in Vienna on 2 and 3 October 2023 and on 8 and 9 July 2024

- 1. Pursuant to decision 4/4 of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto, on trafficking in human beings, an open-ended interim working group was established to advise and assist the Conference in the implementation of its mandate with regard to the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.
- 2. In its resolution 7/1, on strengthening the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto, the Conference decided, inter alia, that the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons would be a constant element of the Conference, forwarding its reports and recommendations to the Conference.
- 3. The Working Group on Trafficking in Persons held its thirteenth meeting on 2 and 3 October 2023 and is to hold its fourteenth meeting on 8 and 9 July 2024. In accordance with resolution 7/1, the reports on those meetings (CTOC/COP/WG.4/2023/5 and CTOC/COP/WG.4/2024/5, respectively) will be made available to the Conference at its twelfth session.







<sup>\*</sup> CTOC/COP/2024/1.

#### Reports on the meetings of the Working Group on the Smuggling of Migrants held in Vienna on 5 and 6 October 2023 and on 11 and 12 July 2024

- 4. Pursuant to resolution 5/3 of the Conference of the Parties, on the implementation of the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, an open-ended intergovernmental interim working group on the smuggling of migrants was established to advise and assist the Conference in the implementation of its mandate with regard to the Smuggling of Migrants Protocol.
- 5. In its resolution 7/1, the Conference decided, inter alia, that the Working Group on the Smuggling of Migrants would be a constant element of the Conference, forwarding its reports and recommendations to the Conference.
- 6. The Working Group on the Smuggling of Migrants held its tenth meeting on 5 and 6 October 2023 and is to hold its eleventh meeting on 11 and 12 July 2024. In accordance with resolution 7/1, the reports on those meetings (CTOC/COP/WG.7/2023/5 and CTOC/COP/WG.7/2024/5, respectively) will be made available to the Conference at its twelfth session.

## Reports on the meetings of the Working Group on Firearms held in Vienna on 3 and 4 May 2023 and on 3 and 4 April 2024

- 7. Pursuant to resolution 5/4 of the Conference of the Parties, on the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, an open-ended intergovernmental working group on firearms was established to advise and assist the Conference in the implementation of its mandate with regard to the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.
- 8. In its resolution 7/1, the Conference decided, inter alia, that the Working Group on Firearms would be a constant element of the Conference, forwarding its reports and recommendations to the Conference.
- 9. The Working Group on Firearms held its tenth meeting on 3 and 4 May 2023 and its eleventh meeting on 3 and 4 April 2024. In accordance with resolution 7/1, the reports on those meetings (CTOC/COP/WG.6/2023/5 and CTOC/COP/WG.6/2024/5, respectively) will be made available to the Conference at its twelfth session.

## Reports on the meetings of the Working Group on International Cooperation held in Vienna on 11 and 12 September 2023 and on 5 and 6 June 2024

- 10. Pursuant to decision 3/2 of the Conference of the Parties, on the implementation of the provisions on international cooperation in the Convention, an open-ended working group on international cooperation was established as a constant element of the Conference. This decision was reaffirmed consistently in subsequent resolutions of the Conference.
- 11. In its resolution 7/1, the Conference, inter alia, encouraged the Working Group on International Cooperation and the Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance to consider meeting on an annual basis, as needed, and to hold their meetings consecutively, in order to ensure the effective use of resources.
- 12. The Working Group on International Cooperation held its fourteenth meeting on 11 and 12 September 2023 and its fifteenth meeting on 5 and 6 June 2024. In accordance with Conference resolution 7/1, the reports on those meetings (CTOC/COP/WG.3/2023/4 and CTOC/COP/WG.3/2024/5, respectively) will be made available to the Conference at its twelfth session.

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# Reports on the meetings of the Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance held in Vienna on 29 and 30 May 2023 and on 3 and 4 June 2024

- 13. In its decision 2/6, on technical assistance activities, the Conference of the Parties established an open-ended interim working group of government experts on technical assistance.
- 14. In its resolution 7/1, the Conference, inter alia, encouraged the Working Group on International Cooperation and the Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance to consider meeting on an annual basis, as needed, and to hold their meetings consecutively, in order to ensure the effective use of resources.
- 15. The fourteenth meeting of the Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance was held on 29 and 30 May 2023 and its fifteenth meeting on 3 and 4 June 2024. In accordance with Conference resolution 7/1, the reports on those meetings (CTOC/COP/WG.2/2023/4 and CTOC/COP/WG.2/2024/5, respectively) will be made available to the Conference at its twelfth session.

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