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**Review of the implementation of the United Nations
Convention against Transnational Organized Crime
and the Protocols Thereto****Constructive dialogues on the review process in accordance
with paragraph 53 of the procedures and rules for the
functioning of the Mechanism for the Review of the
Implementation of the United Nations Convention against
Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto:
summaries by the Chairs**

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. At its ninth session, in October 2018, the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime established the Mechanism for the Review of the Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto¹ through Conference resolution 9/1,¹ which included in its annex the procedures and rules for the functioning of the UNTOC review mechanism.
2. According to paragraph 53 of the procedures and rules for the functioning of the UNTOC review mechanism and in accordance with article 32, paragraph 3 (c), of the Organized Crime Convention, constructive dialogues with relevant stakeholders, including non-governmental organizations, will be convened as a regular practice, following the conclusion of the sessions of the working groups and the adoption of the reports. The constructive dialogues aim to promote fruitful engagement with relevant stakeholders. They allow for briefing participants on the development and outcomes of the review process, and for collecting inputs and suggestions from participants, including their contributions on ways to improve the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto.
3. In 2023, five constructive dialogues were held following the conclusion of the meetings of the Working Groups of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.

* CTOC/COP/2024/1.

¹ Available at: www.unodc.org/documents/treaties/UNTOC/Review%20Mechanism/Resolution/English.pdf.



4. The first constructive dialogue was held following the conclusion of the 10th meeting of the Working Group on Firearms, on 5 May. It was chaired by the Chair of the Working Group, Mr. Miguel Ángel Reyes Moncayo, Deputy Legal Advisor at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico. Sixty (60) non-governmental organizations and nine (9) other relevant stakeholders (four from the academia and five from the private sector) participated in the constructive dialogue. The summary of the discussions of this constructive dialogue² was prepared by the Chair and made available on the UNTOC review mechanism web page.³

5. The second constructive dialogue was held following the conclusion of the 14th meeting of the Working Group of Governmental Experts on Technical Assistance, on 31 May. It was chaired by one of the co-Chairs of the Working Group, Mr. Carlos Alberto Sánchez del Águila, Minister Counsellor, Alternate Representative, Permanent Mission of Peru to the United Nations in Vienna. Thirty-eight (38) non-governmental organizations and six (6) other relevant stakeholders (three from the academia and three from the private sector) participated in the constructive dialogue. The summary of the discussions of this constructive dialogue⁴ was prepared by the Chair and made available on the UNTOC review mechanism web page.

6. The third constructive dialogue was held following the conclusion of the 14th meeting of the Working Group on International Cooperation, on 13 September. It was chaired by the Chair of the Working Group, Mr. Thomas Burrows, Associate Director for Europe and Senior Counsel for Multilateral Matters, Office of International Affairs, Department of Justice of the United States of America. Sixty-nine (69) non-governmental organizations and six (6) other relevant stakeholders (two from the academia and four from the private sector) participated in the constructive dialogue. The summary of the discussions of this constructive dialogue⁵ was prepared by the Chair and made available on the UNTOC review mechanism web page.

7. The fourth constructive dialogue was held following the conclusion of the 13th meeting of the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons, on 4 October. It was chaired by the co-Chairs of the Working Group, Mr. Germán Andrés Calderón Velásquez, Minister Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations in Vienna, Mr. Ignacio Baylina Ruiz, Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations in Vienna, and Ms. Virginia (Patt) Prugh, Attorney Adviser at the Office of the Legal Adviser at the Department of State of the United States of America. Ninety-two (92) non-governmental organizations and four (4) other relevant stakeholders (three from academia and one from the private sector) participated in the constructive dialogue. The summary of the discussions of this constructive dialogue⁶ was prepared by the co-Chairs and made available on the UNTOC review mechanism web page.

8. The fifth constructive dialogue was held following the conclusion of the 10th meeting of the Working Group on the Smuggling of Migrants, on 9 October. It was chaired by the co-Chairs of the Working Group, Ms. Vasiliki Kakosimou, Head of the Directorate of Support of Asylum Service at the Ministry of Migration and Asylum of Greece, and Mr. Francesco Testa, Prosecutor at the European Public

² Available at: https://www.unodc.org/documents/organized-crime/constructive-dialogues/FA_2023/Summary_of_the_Chair_-_CD_WG_FA_2023.pdf.

³ <https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/organized-crime/intro/review-mechanism-untoc/constructive-dialogues.html>.

⁴ Available at: https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/organized-crime/intro/review-mechanism-untoc/constructive-dialogues.html-Summary_of_the_Chair_-_CD_WG_TA-2023.pdf (unodc.org).

⁵ Available at: UNTOC Review Mechanism: Constructive dialogues (unodc.org)- https://www.unodc.org/documents/organized-crime/constructive-dialogues/IC_2023/Summary_of_the_Chair_-_CD_WG_IC-2023_FINAL.pdf.

⁶ Available at: https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/organized-crime/intro/review-mechanism-untoc/constructive-dialogues.html-Summary_of_the_Chairs_-_CD_WG_TIP_-_2023.pdf (unodc.org).

Prosecutor Office in representation of Italy. Forty (40) non-governmental organizations and four (4) other relevant stakeholders (three from academia and one from the private sector) participated in the constructive dialogue. The summary of the discussions of this constructive dialogue⁷ was prepared by the co-Chairs and made available on the UNTOC review mechanism web page.

9. In 2024, four constructive dialogues were held following the conclusion of the meetings of the Working Groups of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.

10. The first constructive dialogue was held following the conclusion of the 11th meeting of the Working Group on Firearms, on 5 April. It was chaired by the Chair of the Working Group, Mr. Jose Antonio Zabalgaitia Trejo, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations in Vienna. Sixty-six (66) non-governmental organizations and ten (10) other relevant stakeholders (six from the academia and four from the private sector) participated in the constructive dialogue. The summary of the discussions of this constructive dialogue⁸ was prepared by the Chair and made available on the UNTOC review mechanism web page.

11. The second joint constructive dialogue was held following the conclusion of the 15th meetings of the Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance and the Working Group on International Cooperation, on 7 June. It was chaired by one of the co-Chairs of the Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance, Mr. Carlos Alberto Sánchez del Águila, Minister Counsellor, Alternate Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of Peru to the United Nations in Vienna, and one of the co-Chairs of the Working Group on International Cooperation, Dr. Aldana Rohr, Director of the International Legal Assistance Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship of Argentina. Ninety-one (91) non-governmental organizations and twenty-one (21) other relevant stakeholders (eight from the academia and thirteen from the private sector) participated in the joint constructive dialogue. The summary of the discussions of this joint constructive dialogue⁹ was prepared by the co-Chairs and made available on the UNTOC review mechanism web page.

12. The third constructive dialogue was held following the conclusion of the 14th meeting of the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons, on 10 July. It was chaired by the co-Chairs of the Working Group, Professor Conny Rijken, National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings and Sexual Violence against Children of the Netherlands and Mr. Hicham Mellati, Director of Criminal Affairs, Pardons and the National Crime Observatory, Ministry of Justice of Morocco. One hundred and fifty-eight (158) non-governmental organizations and twenty-four (24) other relevant stakeholders (thirteen from the academia and eleven from the private sector) participated in the constructive dialogue. The summary of the discussions of this constructive dialogue¹⁰ was prepared by the co-Chairs and made available on the UNTOC review mechanism web page.

13. The fourth constructive dialogue was held following the conclusion of the 11th meeting of the Working Group on the Smuggling of Migrants, on 15 July. It was chaired by the co-Chairs of the Working Group, Ms. Vasiliki Kakosimou, Head of the Directorate of Support of Asylum Service at the Ministry of Migration and Asylum of Greece, and Mr. Francesco Testa, Prosecutor at the European Public Prosecutor Office in representation of Italy. Eighty-four (84) non-governmental organizations and

⁷ Available at: https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/organized-crime/intro/review-mechanism-untoc/constructive-dialogues.html-Summary_of_the_Chair_-_CD_WG_SOM_-_2023_-_v2.pdf (unodc.org).

⁸ Available at: https://www.unodc.org/documents/organized-crime/constructive-dialogues/FA_2024/Summary_of_the_Chair_-_CD_WG_FA_-_2024_final.pdf.

⁹ Available at: https://www.unodc.org/documents/organized-crime/constructive-dialogues/IC_TA_2024/Summary_of_the_Chair_-_Joint_CD_TAIC.pdf.

¹⁰ Available at: https://www.unodc.org/documents/organized-crime/constructive-dialogues/TiP_2024/Summary_of_the_Co-Chairs_-TIP_CD_2024.pdf.

fourteen (14) other relevant stakeholders (nine from the academia and five from the private sector) participated in the constructive dialogue. The summary of the discussions of this constructive dialogue¹¹ was prepared by the co-Chairs and made available on the UNTOC review mechanism web page.

¹¹ Available at: https://www.unodc.org/documents/organized-crime/constructive-dialogues/SoM_2024/Summary_of_the_Chairs_CD_SOM_2024.pdf.