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**Argentina, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Estonia, Mexico, Netherlands and
Portugal: revised draft resolution**

Enhancing synergies between relevant multilateral organizations responsible for review mechanisms in the field of anti-corruption

The Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption,

Recognizing the United Nations Convention against Corruption¹ as the most comprehensive and universal instrument on corruption, and acknowledging the need to continue to promote its ratification or States' accession to it and its full and effective implementation,

Recalling its resolution 6/1 of 6 November 2015, in which it called upon the Secretariat to continue exploring and, where appropriate, enhancing synergies, in coordination and cooperation with the secretariats of other relevant multilateral mechanisms in the field of anti-corruption, in full accordance with paragraphs 5, 27 (c) and 31 of the terms of reference of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the Convention, paragraph 6 of the guidelines for governmental experts and article 64 of the Convention, and to report to the Implementation Review Group on actions undertaken in that regard,

Taking into consideration that the strengthening of synergies between relevant multilateral organizations responsible for review mechanisms in the field of anti-corruption can take place only within their mandates and the limits of the specificities of those mechanisms and their respective terms of reference and the practices developed in the course of operation of such mechanisms,

Noting the increasing adherence of countries to different international and regional instruments in the fight against corruption and criminal activities with similar thematic areas of focus, such as the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,² as well as the potential future development of review mechanisms for such instruments,

Noting also the initiative by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to organize, as a peer-learning exercise in September 2016, a joint workshop on enhancing synergies and sharing good practices in the conduct of anti-corruption

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2349, No. 42146.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2225, No. 39574.



reviews, in cooperation with the secretariats of the Organization of American States, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and the Council of Europe,

Taking note of the conference room paper prepared by the Secretariat on enhancing synergies in the cooperation with the secretariats of other relevant multilateral mechanisms in the field of anti-corruption,

Noting with appreciation potential measures to further enhance coordination among the secretariats of international, multilateral anti-corruption review mechanisms by sharing good practices relating to organizational aspects, schedules of reviews and guidance produced by those secretariats,

Bearing in mind that, consistent with the Convention against Corruption, in particular article 63 thereof, the purpose of the Implementation Review Mechanism is to assist States parties in their implementation of the Convention,

1. *Requests* the Secretariat, within its mandate outlined in Conference of the States Parties resolution 6/1 and in accordance with the United Nations Convention against Corruption¹ and the terms of reference of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the Convention, to continue its dialogue with States parties and with the secretariats of other relevant multilateral mechanisms in the field of anti-corruption, with a view to facilitating and enhancing synergies, where appropriate, enhancing the performance of the review mechanisms and, in consultation with States parties, developing and disseminating anti-corruption tools and products, avoiding duplication of effort, limiting the burden on States parties that are reviewed under different review mechanisms with similar thematic areas and ensuring the cost-effectiveness of the mechanisms, and also requests the Secretariat to report back to the Implementation Review Group on progress made in this regard;

2. *Invites* the Secretariat, as necessary and in consultation with States parties, to explore the possibility of cooperation arrangements, including memorandums of understanding, in line with the terms of reference, regarding enhancing synergies between multilateral review mechanisms on anti-corruption with the secretariats of other relevant multilateral mechanisms for the purpose of avoiding duplication of effort, and requests the Secretariat to report to the Implementation Review Group on progress made in this regard;

3. *Calls upon* the Secretariat to continue its efforts to collect information from and share information with other secretariats, while upholding the confidential nature of that information, including on the costs of the different mechanisms, and also calls upon the Secretariat to share its good practices on facilitating synergies in the field of reviews of implementation of international anti-corruption legal instruments;

4. *Calls upon* States parties that are members of different multilateral review mechanisms in the field of anti-corruption to encourage, within their respective organizations and with the governing bodies of those organizations, efficient and effective cooperation and coordination between the secretariats of those review mechanisms and the secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties, while respecting the mandates of all review mechanisms;

5. *Requests* the Secretariat, within existing resources, to undertake the activities outlined in this resolution and to report on the work undertaken to the Implementation Review Group.