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Addendum

Annotations

1. Organizational matters

(a) Opening of the session

The resumed eighth session of the Implementation Review Group will be convened on Tuesday, 7 November, at 3 p.m., in the Vienna International Centre, M-Building, Boardroom A.

(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The agenda for the eighth session of the Implementation Review Group was adopted by the Group at the first part of its eighth session, held from 19 to 23 June 2017. The proposed organization of work for the resumed eighth session (see annex) was prepared in line with the guidance provided by the Conference and the Group, in order to enable consideration of the agenda items within the time and resources available.

The resources available will permit the holding of two plenary meetings with interpretation into the six official languages of the United Nations.

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

Drawing of lots

At the intersessional meeting held on 16 June 2017, lots were drawn for the selection of States parties under review and reviewing States parties, in accordance with paragraphs 14 and 19 of the terms of reference of the Mechanisms for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

On the first day of the resumed eighth session, lots will be drawn to select the States parties reviewing the States parties under review in the fourth year of the first review cycle that became parties to the Convention since the previous drawing of lots.¹ Lots may also be drawn to select the reviewing States parties for any States parties requesting redraws.

¹ As at 11 July 2017, Japan was the only State to have become a party to the Convention since the previous drawing of lots. Other States may have also ratified or acceded to the Convention by the time of the resumed eighth session of the Group.



First cycle reviews

In accordance with paragraph 11 of Conference resolution 6/1, a discussion paper was prepared by the secretariat containing a proposed set of non-binding recommendations and conclusions based on lessons learned regarding the implementation of chapters III and IV of the Convention, with a view to its submission to the seventh session of the Conference for its consideration and approval ([CAC/COSP/2017/5](#)). The purpose of the paper is to facilitate the Group's analysis of the findings emanating from the country reviews of the first review cycle and reflects the inputs received from States parties in response to the Secretariat's note verbale inviting States parties to provide written comment, as requested by the Group at its eighth session.

In accordance with the multi-year workplan for the analytical work of the Group, the resumed eighth session of the Group focuses on analysing the successes, good practices, challenges, observations and technical assistance needs emanating from the country reviews of chapter IV (International cooperation) of the Convention.

Second review cycle

With regard to the second review cycle, the secretariat will provide an oral overview of the initial trends in the second cycle of reviews on chapters II (Preventive measures) and V (Asset recovery) of the Convention.

Organization of work for 2018 and 2019 in line with the multi-year workplan

The secretariat will provide a briefing to the Group on the discussions in and the decisions of the extended Bureau, in particular with regard to the schedule of meetings of the Group and the other subsidiary bodies established by the Conference ([CAC/COSP/2017/CRP.1](#)).

Documentation

Discussion paper prepared by the Secretariat on a set of non-binding recommendations and conclusions based on lessons learned regarding the implementation of chapters III and IV of the Convention ([CAC/COSP/2017/5](#))

Executive summaries of country review reports ([CAC/COSP/IRG/I/4/1/Add.57-59](#))

Meeting of the extended Bureau ([CAC/COSP/2017/CRP.1](#))

United Nations Convention against Corruption: status of ratifications and reviews performed in the first review cycle ([CAC/COSP/IRG/2017/CRP.3/Rev.1](#))

United Nations Convention against Corruption: status of ratifications and reviews performed in the second review cycle ([CAC/COSP/IRG/2017/CRP.4/Rev.1](#))

3. Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption*Progress report*

In its decision 5/1, the Conference of the States Parties decided that the Group should include a new item on the agenda of its future sessions allowing for discussion of relevant information, collected with the support of the Secretariat, in order to facilitate the assessment of the performance of the Review Mechanism and its terms of reference, in accordance with paragraph 48 of the terms of reference, following the completion of the first review cycle.

In this context, the Secretariat will provide a conference room paper ([CAC/COSP/IRG/2017/CRP.10](#)) on progress made in the conduct of the reviews in the first and second review cycles. This update will focus on the responses received to the self-assessment checklist, the direct dialogues conducted, the executive summaries and the country review reports that have been finalized and the country

review reports that have been made available on the website of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

Good practices, experiences and relevant measures taken after the completion of country review reports

In its resolution 6/1, the Conference encouraged States parties to continue voluntarily sharing information on good practices, experiences and relevant measures taken after the completion of their country review reports, including information on technical assistance, and to consider providing such information to the Secretariat for publication on its website. Subsequently, three notes verbales were sent by the Secretariat inviting States to outline steps that they had taken in that regard. A compilation of the responses received was made available to the Group at its resumed seventh session (see [CAC/COSP/IRG/2016/12](#)), followed by an oral update at the Group's eighth session. In addition, statements made by States parties under the agenda item at both the resumed seventh session and eighth regular session have also been made available online on the respective session pages and the Group's country profile pages.

States parties are encouraged to provide further information on measures taken after the completion of country review reports under agenda item 3.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on good practices, experiences and relevant measures taken by States parties after the completion of the country reviews during the first implementation review cycle ([CAC/COSP/2017/12](#))

Progress report on the implementation of the mandates of the Implementation Review Group ([CAC/COSP/IRG/2017/CRP.10](#))

4. Technical assistance

In its resolution 3/1, the Conference of the States Parties decided that the Implementation Review Group would be in charge of following up and continuing the work undertaken previously by the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Technical Assistance.

In its resolution 6/1, the Conference invited States parties under review, together with the Secretariat, to jointly inform the local representatives of international, bilateral and multilateral technical assistance providers and donors, as well as relevant non-governmental organizations, where appropriate, about the technical assistance needs identified in the country review. The Secretariat will provide an update of the analysis of the technical assistance needs emerging from the country reviews for the first cycle of the Mechanism.

In line with the thematic focus of the eighth session of the Group, the Secretariat will report both on technical assistance needs and technical assistance provided in relation to the implementation of chapter IV of the Convention.

To facilitate the Group's discussion of the matter, a panel on programming and delivery of technical assistance in response to the reviews will be organized.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on technical assistance in support of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption ([CAC/COSP/2017/3](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the analysis of technical assistance needs emerging from the country reviews under the first implementation review cycle ([CAC/COSP/2017/7](#))

Note by the Secretariat on good practices, experiences and relevant measures taken by States parties after the completion of the country reviews during the first implementation review cycle ([CAC/COSP/2017/12](#))

5. Financial and budgetary matters

At its resumed eighth session, the Implementation Review Group will have before it a note by the Secretariat ([CAC/COSP/2017/13](#)) containing budgetary information on expenditures incurred so far for the operation of the Review Mechanism, resources received at the time of writing, both from the regular budget and from voluntary contributions, projected expenditures for the first and second cycles and the current shortfall on resource requirements for the functioning of the Mechanism.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on financial and budgetary matters ([CAC/COSP/2017/13](#))

6. Other matters

The Implementation Review Group may wish to discuss any other matters.

8. Adoption of the report of the Implementation Review Group on its eighth session

The Implementation Review Group is to adopt a report on its resumed eighth session, the draft of which will be prepared by the Secretariat.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Tuesday, 7 November 2017		
3-6 p.m.	1 (a)	Opening of the session
	1 (b)	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	2	Review of implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption
	3	Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption
Wednesday, 8 November 2017		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3	Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (<i>continued</i>)
	4	Technical assistance
	5	Financial and budgetary matters
	6	Other matters
	8	Adoption of the report of the Implementation Review Group on its resumed eighth session