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Addendum

II. Future considerations (*continued*)

B. Application of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime in domestic jurisprudence

(a) In order to facilitate law enforcement and judicial cooperation, States should fully implement the Organized Crime Convention. In so doing, States may wish to request for technical assistance from UNODC;

(b) States should consider strengthening the ability of law enforcement and criminal justice officers to conduct investigations and prosecutions of cases involving an organized criminal group, and cooperate with international and regional counterparts;

(c) In implementing Article 6 of the Organized Crime Convention, States should consider reviewing national legislation so as to facilitate efforts to address practical elements of criminalization of the laundering of proceeds of crime, including the mental state required for conviction;

(d) States should consider requesting or providing training on mutual legal assistance and other forms of international cooperation in obtaining evidence, including on predicate offences to money-laundering. Such assistance should at a minimum cover the relevant provisions of the Organized Crime Convention and include obtaining evidence, preservation of stored computer data, real time collection of traffic data or evidence from witnesses;

(e) States should consider allocating sufficient resources to manage cases involving organized criminal groups in a streamlined and timely manner for successful prosecution;

(f) In cases involving organized criminal groups, States should develop prosecution plans as early as possible. Such plans should take into consideration management of evidential and other issues, including procedures to address anticipated challenges;



(g) States should develop standard operating procedures with the court administration and others for effective management of cases involving organized criminal groups as those cases may represent security and other logistical challenges. Such procedures should also include witness protection measures.

III. Organization of the meeting (*continued*)

B. Statements

1. Under agenda item 2, statements were made by representatives from the following States parties to the Convention: Romania.
 2. Under agenda item 3, statements were made by representatives from the following States parties to the Convention: Canada, India, Italy, Nigeria, Romania Singapore and United States of America.
 3. Under agenda item 4, a representative of the secretariat presented UNODC research briefs on COVID-19 and Organized Crime and on COVID-19-related Trafficking of Medical Products as a Threat to Public Health.
 4. Under agenda item 4, a statement was made by the representative from Guatemala.
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