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### Review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption

#### Argentina, Belgium, Mexico and Netherlands: 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 Corruption<sup>1</sup> as the most comprehensive and universal instrument on corruption, and acknowledging the need to continue to promote its ratification or accession thereto and its full and effective implementation,

*Recalling* its resolution 6/1, 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, 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 various review bodies do not always deal with the same substantive issues and that the strengthening of synergies between secretariats can take place only within the limits of the specificities of the mechanisms of the conventions 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, as well as the potential future development of review mechanisms for such instruments,

*Taking note* of the Anti-Corruption Action Plan for the period 2017–2018 of the Group of 20, in particular the commitment to implementing and building on the provisions of the Convention and those of the other international, regional and bilateral anti-corruption instruments and to exploring the possible adherence of all Group of 20 countries to the Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2349, No. 42146.



Officials in International Business Transactions<sup>2</sup> and the pledge to encourage and support international organizations to increase their focus on fighting corruption and improving coordination,

*Stressing* that the objectives of anti-corruption review mechanisms are to be efficient, effective and cost-efficient and, where appropriate, to minimize the burden on Member States and avoid duplication of effort, so that States parties can focus on the implementation of the substantive provisions of the Convention,

*Highlighting* that an integrated perspective and coordination and cooperation with the secretariats of other relevant multilateral mechanisms, with the consent of and in consultation with the member States subject to each of the review mechanisms, strengthens the authority of review mechanisms and helps to avoid monitoring and questionnaire fatigue,

*Noting with appreciation* 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 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 with appreciation* 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 enhance coordination among the secretariats and good practices such as participation in each other's meetings, taking an active part in dialogue with States in relevant forums, and sharing information about schedules and monitoring reports and guidance produced by secretariats,

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

1. *Requests* the Secretariat 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 creating and enhancing synergies, where appropriate, enhancing the performance of the evaluation mechanisms, avoiding duplication of effort, limiting the burden on States parties that are reviewed under different evaluation 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 to pursue the conclusion of a cooperation agreement, such as a memorandum of understanding, regarding issues under its competence, with the secretariats of other relevant multilateral mechanisms, and requests the Secretariat to report to the Implementation Review Group on progress made in this regard;

3. *Calls upon* the Secretariat to collect and share information, including on the costs of the different mechanisms, and to share good practices on the creation of synergies in the field of reviews of implementation of international anti-corruption legal instruments.

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<sup>2</sup> See *Corruption and Integrity Improvement Initiatives in Developing Countries* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.98.III.B.18).