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Addendum

VII. Other matters

A. Implementation of article 63, paragraph 4 (c) and (d), concerning cooperation with relevant international and regional organizations and mechanisms and non-governmental organizations; as well as appropriate use of relevant information produced by other international and regional mechanisms for combating and preventing corruption, in order to avoid unnecessary duplication of work

1. At its 9th meeting, on 19 December 2019, the Conference considered agenda item 8, entitled “Other matters”.
2. In his introductory remarks, the President of the Conference noted that, under agenda item 8 (a), the Conference might wish to continue its deliberations on the full implementation of paragraph 4 (c) of article 63 of the Convention, in which it is stated that the Conference shall agree upon activities, procedures and methods of work to achieve the objectives set forth in paragraph 1 of that article, including by cooperating with relevant international and regional organizations and mechanisms and non-governmental organizations. He also noted that the Conference may wish to review progress made in enhancing synergies with respect to the appropriate use of relevant information produced by other international and regional mechanisms for combating and preventing corruption, in order to avoid unnecessary duplication of work, in line with article 63, paragraph 4 (d) of the Convention. In that regard, the President mentioned the relevant provisions of Conference resolution 7/4, entitled “Enhancing synergies between relevant multilateral organizations responsible for review mechanisms in the field of anti-corruption”, and referred to a report by the Secretariat on progress made in the implementation of that resolution,¹ which had been considered by the Implementation Review Group at its second resumed tenth session.
3. A number of speakers emphasized the key role of civil society in the fight against corruption, as recognized by the Conference, including in the framework of

¹ [CAC/COSP/IRG/2019/11](#).



the Implementation Review Mechanism under the Convention, and shared experiences of the involvement of civil society in anti-corruption efforts and the review process, in accordance with article 63 of the Convention. It was noted that similar guidelines for the participation of non-governmental stakeholders were followed in other forums, such as the Group of 20, the Group of States against Corruption of the Council of Europe, and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

4. The need to ensure the participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly against corruption was emphasized by some speakers, as was the need for all stakeholders to work together in order to achieve the objectives of the Convention.

5. Some speakers emphasized the need to maintain the intergovernmental character of the Implementation Review Mechanism and of the special session of the General Assembly against corruption. In this regard, these speakers also referred to the compromise reached at the fourth session of the Conference, as reflected in Conference resolution 4/6. The value of the briefings for non-governmental organizations held on the margins of the sessions of the Implementation Review Group, in accordance with resolution 4/6, was noted. One speaker suggested extending the briefings to other subsidiary bodies.

6. One speaker noted that the implementation of article 63 involved cooperation with intergovernmental organizations rather than non-governmental organizations and that her Government supported UNODC in enhancing its cooperation with relevant intergovernmental organizations.

7. One speaker noted that, in view of article 63, paragraph 4, of the Convention, the efforts of all intergovernmental organizations should be in line with, rather than replace, United Nations mechanisms, and he stressed in this regard the essential role of United Nations organizations and of the Convention. He called upon States parties to work with the International Anti-Corruption Academy.

8. One speaker emphasized that the Conference should promote information-sharing and collaboration with other multilateral review mechanisms.

B. Status of ratification of and notification requirements under the Convention

9. At the same meeting, the Conference considered agenda item 8 (b), on the status of ratification of and notification requirements under the Convention.²

10. The President of the Conference noted that, with regard to notification requirements under the Convention, the Conference might wish to consider how best to ensure the availability of the up-to-date information required in accordance with paragraph 3 of article 6, paragraph 2 (d) of article 23, paragraph 6 (a) of article 44, paragraphs 13 and 14 of article 46, paragraph 5 of article 55 and paragraph 4 of article 66 of the Convention.

11. Moreover, the President informed the Conference that, with a view to providing a single entry point for practitioners to access information regarding various types of competent authorities under different conventions, the secretariat had migrated data from the directory of competent national authorities under the Convention against Corruption to the Sharing Electronic Resources and Laws on Crime (SHERLOC) portal. The President also informed the Conference that UNODC was in the process of redesigning the legal library, which was part of the Tools and Resources for Anti-Corruption Knowledge (TRACK) web-based platform and through which UNODC collected and disseminated indexed and searchable legal information organized according to each provision of the Convention.

² See CAC/COSP/2019/CRP.1.

C. Any other matters, including consideration of the venue for the tenth session of the Conference

12. No issues were raised under agenda item 8 (c).
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