



Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

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Draft report

I. Introduction

1. In its resolution 9/1, entitled “Establishment of the Mechanism for the Review of the Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto”, the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to convene, within existing resources, at least one meeting of an open-ended intergovernmental expert group for the purpose of finalizing and harmonizing, as necessary, the self-assessment questionnaires and preparing the guidelines for conducting the country reviews and a blueprint for the lists of observations and the summaries, referred to in the annex to resolution 9/1. The outcome of the work of the intergovernmental expert group is to be submitted to the Conference for its consideration at its tenth session.

2. In the same resolution, the Conference invited the President of the Conference, with the support of the Bureau, to facilitate the work of the intergovernmental expert group through informal consultations. On 4 December 2018, the President of the Conference invited regional groups to submit nominations for the Chair of the meeting of the intergovernmental expert group established in accordance with Conference resolution 9/1. At its meeting on 13 December 2018, the extended Bureau of the Conference endorsed the nomination of Renaud Sorieul (France) as Chair of the intergovernmental expert group.

3. At its meeting on 5 February 2019, the extended Bureau of the Conference agreed that the meeting of the intergovernmental expert group would be held in Vienna from 9 to 11 October 2019. Moreover, on 19 July 2019, the extended Bureau agreed, using the silence procedure, on the provisional agenda for the meeting of the group.

II. Organization of the meeting

A. Opening of the meeting

4. The meeting was opened on 9 October 2019 by the Chair of the open-ended intergovernmental meeting, Renaud Sorieul (France).



B. Adoption of the agenda

5. At its first meeting, on 9 October 2019, the meeting adopted the following agenda:

1. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Opening of the meeting;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
2. Consideration of the guidelines for conducting the country reviews and of the blueprint for the lists of observations of the country reviews.
3. Finalization and harmonization of the self-assessment questionnaires for the review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto.
4. Other matters.
5. Adoption of the report.

C. Statements

6. Under agenda item 2, statements were made by representatives of the following parties to the Convention: Liechtenstein.

7. Under agenda item 3, statements were made by representatives of the following parties to the Convention: Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, China, Colombia, Egypt, Germany, Guatemala, India, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Luxemburg, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

8. Statements were made by the observers for the signatory States: Islamic Republic of Iran.

D. Organization of work

9. At its 1st meeting held on 9 October 2019, the open-ended intergovernmental meeting discussed item 2 of the agenda, entitled “Consideration of the guidelines for conducting the country reviews and of the blueprint for the lists of observations of the country reviews.”

10. Under agenda item 2, the open-ended intergovernmental meeting decided to approve the guidelines for conducting the country reviews and blueprints for the lists of observations and the summaries, contained in document [CTOC/COP/WG.10/2019/2](#), as orally amended.

11. Also at its first meeting, on 9 October 2019, the open-ended intergovernmental meeting discussed item 3 of the agenda, entitled “Finalization and harmonization of the self-assessment questionnaires for the review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto.” Under this agenda item, the open-ended intergovernmental meeting discussed in detail the draft for the self-assessment questionnaire for the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, analysing the text one question at a time.

E. Attendance

12. The following parties to the Convention were represented at the meeting: Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia,

Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Czechia, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, European Union, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen.

13. Iran (Islamic Republic of), a signatory State, was represented by observers.

14. A list of participants is contained in document CTOC/COP/WG.10/2019/INF.1/Rev.1.

F. Documentation

15. The meeting had before it the following:

- (a) Annotated provisional agenda ([CTOC/COP/WG.10/2019/1](#));
- (b) Mechanism for the Review of the Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto: draft guidelines for conducting the country reviews and blueprints for the lists of observations and the summaries. ([CTOC/COP/WG.10/2019/2](#));
- (c) Self-assessment questionnaire for the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. Draft text by the Chair ([CTOC/COP/WG.10/2019/3](#));
- (d) Self-assessment questionnaire for the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. Draft text by the Chair ([CTOC/COP/WG.10/2019/4](#)).

III. Adoption of the report

16. On 11 October 2019, the meeting adopted the present report.