



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

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**Intergovernmental expert group
established in accordance with
Conference resolution 9/1**
Vienna, 13–15 July 2020

Annotated provisional agenda

Provisional agenda

1. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Opening of the meeting;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
2. 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.
3. Other matters.
4. Adoption of the report.

Annotations

1. Organizational matters

(a) Opening of the meeting

The meeting of the intergovernmental expert group established in accordance with Conference resolution 9/1 will be opened on Monday, 13 July 2020, at 10 a.m.

(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

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.



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. 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.

The first meeting of the intergovernmental expert group was held in Vienna from 9 to 11 October 2019.

On 28 November 2019, the extended Bureau agreed, through the silence procedure, that the second meeting of the intergovernmental expert group would be held in Vienna from 13 to 15 July 2020. On 21 February 2020, the extended Bureau of the Conference approved, through the silence procedure, the provisional agenda for the second meeting.

The proposed organization of work (see annex) was prepared in accordance with Conference resolution 9/1 in order to enable the intergovernmental expert group to perform its mandated functions within the time frame and according to the conference services available to it. The resources available will permit the holding of five plenary meetings over two and a half days, with interpretation into the six official languages of the United Nations.

2. 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

Pursuant to the mandate contained in Conference resolution 9/1, at its first meeting the intergovernmental expert group finalized the guidelines for conducting the country reviews and the blueprints for the lists of observations and the summaries. In line with the same resolution, the documents will be submitted to the Conference for consideration at its tenth session.

Also at its first meeting, the intergovernmental expert group finalized the self-assessment questionnaire for the review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, subject to further harmonization, for consideration by the Conference at its tenth session. The expert group also discussed the draft self-assessment questionnaire for the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, analysing the text one question at a time; the expert group reviewed questions 1 to 28.

Since the first meeting of the intergovernmental expert group, the draft self-assessment questionnaires on the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, and on the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, their Parts and Components and Ammunition have been the subject of informal consultations among Member States, led by the Chair of the expert group. The self-assessment questionnaire for the Smuggling of Migrants Protocol was finalized by the Working Group on the Smuggling of Migrants at its fifth meeting, held on 4 and 5 July 2018.

The secretariat, under the guidance of the Chair of the intergovernmental expert group, prepared draft harmonized self-questionnaires for the Organized Crime Convention and each of the three Protocols in accordance with the methodology for the harmonization of the self-assessment questionnaires that was agreed upon by Member States through informal consultations and communication with the secretariat.

For its consideration of agenda item 2, the intergovernmental expert group will have before it four draft harmonized self-assessment questionnaires, corresponding to each of the phases of the review process for the four instruments, in accordance with the multi-year workplan for the functioning of the Implementation Review Mechanism

contained in the appendix to resolution 9/1. The questionnaires will be used in the review process after they have been approved by the Conference at its tenth session.

In addition, four draft harmonized self-assessment questionnaires corresponding to each of the instruments will be available as conference room papers in English only.

Documentation

Draft self-assessment questionnaire for the review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto: cluster I (CTOC/COP/WG.10/2020/2)

Draft self-assessment questionnaire for the review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto: cluster II (CTOC/COP/WG.10/2020/3)

Draft self-assessment questionnaire for the review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto: cluster III (CTOC/COP/WG.10/2020/4)

Draft self-assessment questionnaire for the review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto: cluster IV (CTOC/COP/WG.10/2020/5)

Conference room paper on the methodology for the harmonization of the self-assessment questionnaires for the review of implementation of the Organized Crime Convention and the Protocols thereto (CTOC/COP/WG.10/CRP.1)

Conference room paper containing the draft harmonized self-assessment questionnaire on the Organized Crime Convention (CTOC/COP/WG.10/CRP.2)

Conference room paper containing the draft harmonized self-assessment questionnaire on the Trafficking in Persons Protocol (CTOC/COP/WG.10/CRP.3)

Conference room paper containing the draft harmonized self-assessment questionnaire on the Smuggling of Migrants Protocol (CTOC/COP/WG.10/CRP.4)

Conference room paper containing the draft harmonized self-assessment questionnaire on the Firearms Protocol (CTOC/COP/WG.10/CRP.5)

3. Other matters

As no issues to be raised under agenda item 4 have come to the attention of the secretariat, no documentation regarding the item is currently foreseen.

4. Adoption of the report

Under agenda item 4, a report on the meeting will be adopted.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

| <i>Date and time</i> | <i>Agenda item</i> | <i>Title or description</i> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Monday, 13 July | | |
| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | 1 (a) | Opening of the meeting |
| | 1 (b) | Adoption of the agenda and organization of work |
| | 2 | 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 |
| 3–6 p.m. | 2 | 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 (continued) |
| Tuesday, 14 July | | |
| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | 2 | 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 (continued) |
| 3–6 p.m. | 2 | 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 (continued) |
| Wednesday, 15 July | | |
| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | 3 | Other matters |
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