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Annotated provisional agenda

Provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Organizational matters

(a) Opening of the meeting

The sixth meeting of the Working Group on the Smuggling of Migrants will be opened on Wednesday, 11 September 2019, at 3 p.m.

(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

In its resolution 7/1, entitled “Strengthening 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 decided, inter alia, that the Working Group on the Smuggling of Migrants would be a constant element of the Conference, forwarding its reports and recommendations to it, and encouraged the Working Group to consider meeting on an annual basis, as needed, and to hold its meetings consecutively with other working groups of the Conference, in order to ensure the effective use of resources.

At its meeting on 5 February 2019, the extended Bureau of the Conference of the Parties agreed that the sixth meeting of the Working Group would be held in Vienna



from 11 to 13 September 2019. Moreover, on 3 June 2019, the extended Bureau agreed, using the silence procedure, on the substantive topics of the Working Group for that meeting.

The proposed organization of work (see annex) was prepared in accordance with Conference resolution 7/1 in order to enable the Working Group to perform its mandated functions within the time frame and according to the conference services available to it. The resources available to the Working Group 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. Information-sharing on the smuggling of migrants as a form of transnational organized crime, consistent with article 10 of the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, and article 28 of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

Under agenda item 2, the Working Group may wish to discuss experiences of and expertise in practices for sharing information on the smuggling of migrants, in line with the provisions of the Organized Crime Convention and the Smuggling of Migrants Protocol. The Working Group may also wish to analyse the challenges relating to data collection and data sharing, with a focus on the role that regional and international cooperation can play in facilitating those processes.

The Working Group may also wish to examine the most significant gaps in current understanding of the nature and impact of migrant smuggling at the national, regional and international levels and to discuss the coordinated efforts that have successfully contributed to reducing the activities of organized criminal groups in the area of migrant smuggling.

For its consideration of agenda item 2, the Working Group will have before it a background paper prepared by the Secretariat entitled “Information-sharing on the smuggling of migrants as a form of transnational organized crime, consistent with article 10 of the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, and article 28 of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime”.

Documentation

Background paper prepared by the Secretariat entitled “Information-sharing on the smuggling of migrants as a form of transnational organized crime, consistent with article 10 of the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, and article 28 of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime” ([CTOC/COP/WG.7/2019/2](#))

3. Smuggling of migrants by air and its facilitation through document fraud

Under agenda item 3, the Working Group may wish to discuss the modus operandi and scale of the smuggling of migrants by air, with a particular focus on its facilitation through document fraud, in line with the provisions of the Smuggling of Migrants Protocol. It may be particularly relevant for the Working Group to focus on which forms of document abuse (for example, counterfeit documents, forged documents, fraudulently obtained genuine documents and/or the fraudulent use of genuine documents) prevail in the context of migrant smuggling by air, and what good practices exist to prevent and combat them.

The Working Group may also wish to analyse the obstacles to successfully investigating, prosecuting and bringing to justice those who organize and profit from migrant smuggling by air and discuss measures to ensure the protection of smuggled migrants, in line with international instruments on human rights.

For its consideration of agenda item 3, the Working Group will have before it a background paper prepared by the Secretariat entitled “Smuggling of migrants by air and its facilitation through document fraud”.

Documentation

Background paper prepared by the Secretariat entitled “Smuggling of migrants by air and its facilitation through document fraud” ([CTOC/COP/WG.7/2019/3](#))

4. Other matters

To facilitate discussions at the meeting of the Working Group, the Secretariat has prepared a background paper compiling all recommendations made at previous meetings of the Working Group ([CTOC/COP/WG.7/2019/4](#)).

5. Adoption of the report

The Working Group is expected to adopt a report on its meeting, the draft of which will be prepared by the Secretariat.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Wednesday, 11 September		
3–6 p.m.	1 (a)	Opening of the meeting
	1 (b)	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	2	Information-sharing on the smuggling of migrants as a form of transnational organized crime, consistent with article 10 of the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, and article 28 of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime
Thursday, 12 September		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	2	Information-sharing on the smuggling of migrants as a form of transnational organized crime, consistent with article 10 of the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, and article 28 of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (<i>continued</i>)
3–6 p.m.	3	Smuggling of migrants by air and its facilitation through document fraud
Friday, 13 September		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	3	Smuggling of migrants by air and its facilitation through document fraud (<i>continued</i>)
3–6 p.m.	4	Other matters
	5	Adoption of the report