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### Draft report of the Implementation Review Group on its first resumed tenth session, held in Vienna, 2–4 September 2019

#### Addendum

#### V. Provisional agenda for the eleventh session

1. The Chair recalled that, at its tenth session held in May 2019, the Group had agreed to continue its deliberations on the provisional agenda for the eleventh session of the Group at its first resumed tenth session.
2. Moreover, the Secretary informed the Group about the results of a survey on the satisfaction of delegations with the support provided by the secretariat in connection with the tenth session of the Group and the thirteenth session of the Working Group on Asset Recovery. The Secretary also provided to the Group a brief summary of the responses received from States parties in response to the note verbale CU 2019/244/DTA/CEB/CSS of 4 June 2019, in which, pursuant to Conference decision 7/1, States were invited to share their impressions on the implementation of the workplan and any impact of the workplan on the attendance of experts. Those States parties that have not yet done so were encouraged to submit their comments, if any, on this matter to the secretariat for inclusion in a report to be prepared by the secretariat for consideration of the Conference at its eighth session.
3. The work undertaken by the Implementation Review Group in identifying best practices, common challenges and lessons learned, including in particular for the first cycle of the Mechanism, was recognized.
4. Speakers welcomed efforts to improve the working methods of the Group, to better structure its discussions and to plan future sessions of the Implementation Review Group and the other subsidiary bodies of the Conference.
5. Some speakers noted that, also with a view to further increasing the efficiency of the Mechanism, the number of annual sessions of the Group should again be reduced to one regular and one resumed session. This would streamline efforts and make the remaining meeting entitlements available for other ad hoc meetings that the Conference may decide to convene, such as, for example, preparatory meetings for the special session of the General Assembly against corruption to be held in 2021. Speakers also highlighted the importance of continuing to coordinate the Group's sessions with the sessions of other subsidiary bodies of the Conference to enhance deliberations. One speaker underscored the importance of identifying and enhancing



synergies among the subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption and the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime in order to define topics of common relevance and make full use of available resources.

6. A number of speakers expressed support for the proposal submitted by Switzerland to include in the provisional agenda for the eleventh session of the Group a new item entitled “Voluntary exchange of information on national measures taken after the completion of country review reports”, as it would facilitate the deliberations of the Group. Many speakers noted that such information was already being shared by many States either under existing items of the agenda of the Group, such as, for example, item 2 of the agenda entitled “Review of implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption” or at any other stage.

7. Some speakers noted that, while more detailed information on progress made and national measures taken could be made available, the inclusion of such an agenda item should not erode the fundamental principles of the functioning of the Mechanism, including impartiality, and the implementation of the Convention as a whole. To this effect, some speakers indicated that additional clarifications regarding the proposal by Switzerland were required, including on its practical implications, given that the proposal may affect the guiding principles of the Mechanism, including the confidentiality of country review reports in line with paragraph 37 of the terms of reference for the Mechanism.

8. Since no agreement on the inclusion of the matter of the new item proposed for inclusion in the provisional agenda for the eleventh session could be reached, some speakers urged States parties to hold informal consultations on this matter in advance of the eighth session of the Conference with the involvement of the secretariat. In this regard, several speakers emphasized that those informal consultations, in addition to addressing the question of the new item, should also consider ways of improving the working methods of all subsidiary bodies of the Conference, as well as the workplan of those bodies for the period 2020–2021.

9. The Group agreed to continue its deliberations on the provisional agenda for its eleventh session at its second resumed tenth session, to be held concurrently with the plenary session of the eighth session of the Conference, while also taking into account any decisions that the Conference may take on the future programme of work of the Group. Due to the limited time available for discussions during the second resumed tenth session of the Group, the Chair encouraged delegations to hold informal consultations on the draft provisional agenda for its eleventh session, as well as on ways of improving the working methods of all subsidiary bodies of the Conference, and the workplan of those bodies for the period 2020–2021, prior to the eighth session of the Conference.

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