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## Implementation Review Group

### First resumed fifteenth session

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## Annotated provisional agenda

### Addendum

#### Annotations

#### 1. Organizational matters

##### (a) Opening of the session

The first resumed fifteenth session of the Implementation Review Group will be opened on Wednesday, 28 August 2024, at 10 a.m., at the Vienna International Centre, M-Building, Boardroom B/M1. The session will be held in person.

##### (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

In its resolution 8/2, the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption requested the Implementation Review Group to continue to hold regular sessions at least once a year, based on an annotated provisional agenda and programme of work issued as early as possible in order to enable the States parties to plan the composition of the delegations and prepare for focused and efficient discussions on the main topics of the session, and, while taking into consideration the directions of the Conference, being able to adjust topics of discussion to maximize the effectiveness of its discussions and work outcomes, subject to the availability of existing resources. Moreover, in its decision 10/2, the Conference decided that the Implementation Review Group should dedicate the time necessary to continue its discussions on assessing the performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

The proposed organization of work for the first resumed fifteenth session (see annex) was prepared in line with the guidance contained in the workplan for the subsidiary bodies of the Conference, which was approved by the Bureau of the Conference, in order to enable the consideration of agenda item 4 jointly with the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption, with the consideration of item 6 being subsumed under that item. The proposed organization of work was also prepared in line with the workplan for the implementation of Conference decision 10/2 on the further extension of the second cycle of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption ([CAC/COSP/IRG/2024/2](#); chapter II).



The thematic focus of the first resumed fifteenth session will be on chapter II (Preventive measures) and chapter III (Criminalization and law enforcement) of the Convention, as well as the next phase of the Implementation Review Mechanism.

## **2. Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption**

### *Drawing of lots*

On 2 September 2024, lots may be drawn for the purpose of selecting the reviewing States parties for any States parties requesting redraws.

### *Progress made in the conduct of country reviews*

In its decision 5/1, the Conference of the States Parties decided that the Implementation Review Group should include in its future sessions an agenda item allowing for discussion of relevant information collected, with the support of the secretariat, in order to facilitate the assessment of the performance of the Implementation Review Mechanism, in accordance with paragraph 48 of the terms of reference, following the completion of the first review cycle.

In its resolution 8/2, the Conference, inter alia, requested the Implementation Review Group to continue to collect, with the support of the secretariat, relevant information, including the views of States parties, pertaining to the performance of the Implementation Review Mechanism, with a view to continuing, at the appropriate time, its assessment of the performance of the Mechanism, as provided for in paragraph 48 of its terms of reference and Conference decision 5/1. The Conference also requested the secretariat to continue to provide to the Implementation Review Group analyses of the time frames associated with the crucial stages of the review process, including statistics on the number of States parties that are behind schedule, with the aim of facilitating a more efficient process.

In response to the delays incurred during the second cycle of the Implementation Review Mechanism, in its decision 8/1, the Conference extended the duration of the second cycle until June 2024 to allow for the completion of country reviews and called upon States parties to accelerate the completion of the second cycle.

Subsequently, in its decision 10/2, the Conference decided to extend the duration of the second cycle until June 2026 and called upon States parties to remain engaged in the review process and to accelerate the completion of the second cycle, with a view to completing at least 70 per cent of reviews of States parties by June 2026 without prejudice to the quality of those country reviews.

The secretariat has compiled and analysed information relating to the overall performance of the Implementation Review Mechanism during the first and second review cycles, including the responses received to the self-assessment checklist, the direct dialogues conducted, the executive summaries and country review reports that have been finalized and the country review reports that have been made available on the website of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. The secretariat prepared a note on the performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption ([CAC/COSP/IRG/2024/3](#)) for the consideration of the Implementation Review Group at its fifteenth session, which was held from 10 to 14 June 2024. An oral update on the performance of the Mechanism will be provided by the secretariat during the first resumed fifteenth session.

Delegations will also be encouraged to report on substantive matters in connection with the implementation of the Convention, including on national measures taken as a follow-up to the reviews carried out under agenda item 4.

### *Next phase of the Implementation Review Mechanism*

The matter of the next phase of the Implementation Review Mechanism was discussed at the sessions of the Implementation Review Group held in 2022, 2023 and 2024, and at the tenth session of the Conference.

In its decision 10/2, entitled “Further extension of the second cycle of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption”, the Conference, inter alia, requested the secretariat to prepare a workplan for the implementation of that decision through 2024–2025 for adoption by the Implementation Review Group. Accordingly, the Group considered and adopted the workplan for the implementation of Conference decision 10/2 on the further extension of the second cycle of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption ([CAC/COSP/IRG/2024/2](#); chapter II) at its fifteenth session, held from 10 to 14 June 2024.

Moreover, in its decision 10/2, the Conference decided that the Implementation Review Group should dedicate the time necessary to continue its discussions on assessing the performance of the Implementation Review Mechanism, as well as on the scope, thematic sequence and details of the next review phase, including through additional resumed sessions of the Group, if possible back to back with sessions of the Group, within existing resources or subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, to submit recommendations to the Conference at its eleventh session in this regard and to endeavour to launch the next phase as soon as possible.

To further facilitate its deliberations on the next phase of the Implementation Review Mechanism, the Group will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing an updated analysis of the views of States parties on the next phase of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption ([CAC/COSP/IRG/2024/9](#)). The Group will also have before it a discussion paper by the Secretariat on the next phase of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption: drawing of lots, direct dialogue, information-gathering and use of technology ([CAC/COSP/IRG/2024/10](#)).

Panel discussions will be organized on the scope and thematic sequence of the next phase of the Implementation Review Mechanism, including on the practical implementation of provisions and the effectiveness of the implementation, as well as on information-gathering and information technology, and direct dialogues. The modalities for the drawing of lots in the next phase will also be discussed. Delegations will be invited to share their views on these topics during the meetings of the Group to be held from 28 to 30 August 2024.

#### *Trilateral meetings*

Under agenda item 2 and in line with past practice, the secretariat has made arrangements for the scheduling of trilateral meetings among States parties under review and reviewing States parties on the margins of the session. The scheduling of such meetings takes into account the views expressed by the Group on the usefulness of holding trilateral meetings for advancing the review of implementation in order to achieve progress and discuss outstanding issues in individual country reviews.

#### **Documentation**

Note by the Secretariat containing an updated analysis of the views of States parties on the next phase of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption ([CAC/COSP/IRG/2024/9](#))

Discussion paper by the Secretariat on the next phase of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption: drawing of lots, direct dialogue, information-gathering and use of technology ([CAC/COSP/IRG/2024/10](#))

**4. State of implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption**

**(a) Exchange of information, practices and experiences gained in the implementation of the Convention**

In its resolution 8/2, the Conference encouraged States parties to keep using the Implementation Review Group as a platform for the voluntary exchange of information on national measures taken during and after the completion of country reviews, including strategies adopted, challenges encountered and best practices identified, as well as, where appropriate, the follow-up to the recommendations made in the country review reports, while taking into account the need for efficient discussions and decision-making processes in the sessions of the Group. The Conference also welcomed the important and useful thematic implementation reports, regional supplementary addenda and updates on technical assistance needs prepared by the secretariat for the consideration of the Group, and encouraged States parties, the United Nations and other stakeholders to make full use of those documents.

Accordingly, the Implementation Review Group will have before it a thematic report prepared by the Secretariat on the implementation of chapter II (Preventive measures) of the United Nations Convention against Convention ([CAC/COSP/IRG/2024/11](#)), as well as a report containing information organized by geographical region, supplementing the thematic report on the implementation of chapter II (Preventive measures) ([CAC/COSP/IRG/2024/12](#)).

Delegations will also be encouraged to report on substantive matters in connection with the implementation of the Convention, including on national measures taken as a follow-up to the reviews carried out.

**(b) Thematic discussion**

Delegations will be invited to share further information on successes, good practices, challenges and measures taken after the completion of the country reviews under the first and second review cycles, with a focus on chapter II (Preventive measures) and chapter III (Criminalization and law enforcement) of the Convention. A panel discussion on criminalization and law enforcement will be organized.

Agenda item 4 will be discussed together with item 2 of the agenda for the fifteenth meeting of the Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption at the joint meetings of the Implementation Review Group and that Working Group.

**Documentation**

Thematic report prepared by the Secretariat on the implementation of chapter II (Preventive measures) of the United Nations Convention against Corruption ([CAC/COSP/IRG/2024/11](#))

Report prepared by the Secretariat on the implementation of chapter II (Preventive measures) of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (regional supplement) ([CAC/COSP/IRG/2024/12](#))

Executive summaries of country review reports ([CAC/COSP/IRG/II/2/1/Add.36](#); [CAC/COSP/IRG/II/3/1/Add.15](#); [CAC/COSP/IRG/II/3/1/Add.16](#); [CAC/COSP/IRG/II/4/1/Add.12](#))

**6. Follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on challenges and measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation**

In accordance with the workplan for the subsidiary bodies of the Conference for 2023–2026 on follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on challenges and measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation, approved by the Bureau of the Conference, the topics to be discussed during the first resumed fifteenth session are as follows: (a) “Corruption measurement”, which will be discussed together with the topic “Measurement of corruption” included

in the agenda of the Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption; and (b) “Public participation, inclusive decision-making processes and the role of non-governmental stakeholders, journalists and the media”, which will be discussed jointly with the topic “Participation of society in preventing and fighting corruption” included in the agenda of the Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption.

The consideration of agenda item 6 by the Group will be subsumed under item 4 of the agenda.

#### **7. Other matters**

In its resolution 4/6, the Conference decided that briefings on the Implementation Review Mechanism would be convened for non-governmental organizations on the margins of the sessions of the Implementation Review Group and be conducted by the secretariat in cooperation with a member of the Bureau.

In its resolution 10/1, the Conference, *inter alia*, reaffirmed the mandate of the Conference, as set forth in article 63 of the Convention, which included cooperating with relevant international and regional organizations and mechanisms and non-governmental organizations to achieve the objectives of the Convention, as well as its resolution 4/6, and requested the secretariat to continue to hold informal briefings in line with resolution 4/6, on the margins of the sessions of the Implementation Review Group, on the outcomes of the review process, including on any technical assistance needs identified, in cooperation with a member of the Bureau of the Conference at the request of the President of the Conference to further promote constructive dialogue with non-governmental organizations dealing with anti-corruption issues.

The Implementation Review Group will receive a summary of the briefing to be held on the morning of Tuesday, 3 September 2024, on the margins of the first resumed fifteenth session. The summary will also be made available on the web page for that session of the Implementation Review Group after its conclusion.

Moreover, under agenda item 7, the Implementation Review Group may wish to discuss any other matters.

#### **9. Adoption of the report of the Implementation Review Group on its first resumed fifteenth session**

The Implementation Review Group is to adopt a report on its first resumed fifteenth session.

## Annex

## Proposed organization of work

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
<b>Wednesday, 28 August 2024</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	1 (a)	Opening of the session
	1 (b)	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	2	Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption <i>Next phase of the Mechanism</i>
3–6 p.m.	2	Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption ( <i>continued</i> ) <i>Next phase of the Mechanism</i>
<b>Thursday, 29 August 2024</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	2	Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption ( <i>continued</i> ) <i>Next phase of the Mechanism</i>
3–6 p.m.	2	Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption ( <i>continued</i> ) <i>Next phase of the Mechanism</i>
<b>Friday, 30 August 2024</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	2	Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption ( <i>continued</i> ) <i>Next phase of the Mechanism</i>
3–6 p.m.	2	Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption ( <i>continued</i> ) <i>Next phase of the Mechanism</i>
<b>Monday, 2 September 2024</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	2	Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption ( <i>continued</i> ) <i>Drawing of lots</i> <i>Performance of the Mechanism</i>
	7	Other matters
	4	State of implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption <sup>a</sup>
	4 (a)	Exchange of information, practices and experiences gained in the implementation of the Convention
3–6 p.m.	4 (b)	Thematic discussion

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
<b>Tuesday, 3 September 2024</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	2	Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption ( <i>continued</i> ) <i>Trilateral meetings</i>
	7	Other matters ( <i>continued</i> ) <sup>b</sup>
3–6 p.m.	4 (b)	Thematic discussion ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Wednesday, 4 September 2024</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	4 (b)	Thematic discussion ( <i>continued</i> )
3–6 p.m.	4 (b)	Thematic discussion ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Thursday, 5 September 2024</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	4 (b)	Thematic discussion ( <i>continued</i> )
3–6 p.m.	4 (b)	Thematic discussion ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Friday, 6 September 2024</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	4 (a)	Exchange of information, practices and experiences gained in the implementation of the Convention ( <i>continued</i> )
3–6 p.m.	9	Adoption of the report of the Implementation Review Group on its first resumed fifteenth session

<sup>a</sup> Agenda item 4 will be discussed together with item 2 of the agenda for the fifteenth meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption. The consideration of item 6 will be subsumed under item 4 of the agenda.

<sup>b</sup> The briefing for non-governmental organizations will be held during this part of the meeting.