



Republic of Bulgaria
Ministry of Justice

**Agenda Item 2: Performance of the Mechanism for the
Review of Implementation of the United Nations
Convention against Corruption**

*Next phase of the Mechanism: Assessing the practical
implementation of the provisions of the Convention or
the effectiveness of anti-corruption measures*

**Implementation Review Group
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I. Highlights from Bulgaria's experience with other review mechanisms

1. OECD Working Group on Bribery


- ▶ from the compliance of national legislation with the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention and related instruments to the actual implementation;
- ▶ concrete cases and statistics;
- ▶ specific circumstances of the evaluated country.


2. Group of States against Corruption of the Council of Europe (GRECO)

- ▶ from the adequacy of legislation and the repressive aspects of the fight against corruption to a subsequent focus not only on legislation but also on its actual implementation;
- ▶ information on practical and organisational arrangements, specific examples and statistics on the application of the law, training, awareness-raising and other initiatives.

II. Assessing the practical implementation of the provisions of the Convention (effectiveness) – thoughts and ideas

- ▶ the transition to assessment of practical implementation is natural, logical and some even might say necessary;
- ▶ provision of case information and statistics; practical and organisational arrangements; training, awareness-raising and other initiatives;
- ▶ development of clear criteria to facilitate the performance of the assessment;
- ▶ an indicator-based approach;
- ▶ objectivity and transparency of the assessment process;

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- ▶ *Statistical Framework to measure corruption* – possible basis for evaluating effectiveness in the next phase;
 - ▶ guidance documents (technical guides, manuals, etc.) and support provided by the Secretariat would be very valuable;
 - ▶ trainings organized by the UNCAC Secretariat;
 - ▶ considering administrative burdens;

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- ▶ Strengths of the IRM:
 - does not produce any form of ranking;
 - non-intrusive;
 - non-punitive.
 - ▶ Work on the next phase should be guided by the principles and characteristics of the Mechanism laid down in the Terms of reference of the IRM;
 - ▶ taking into account the different levels of development of States parties.



Thank you for your attention!

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