



**THOUGHTS ON THE NEXT REVIEW
PHASE: PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION
AND EFFECTIVENESS**

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Basis for the present suggestions

- Questionnaire soliciting views from States parties on the performance of the UNCAC Implementation Review Mechanism and its next phase
- Greece's experience from first review phase (joint visit by UNCAC and OECD Working Group on Bribery) and other mechanisms (FATF, GRECO, COP to CETS No. 198, UNTOC review mechanism et al.).

Elements of a system that assesses the practical or effective implementation of anti-corruption measures

1. Restructuring the reporting obligations of States Parties

- Increased emphasis on matters of practical implementation and effectiveness
- Focus on **Statistics**
- Benefitting from the Statistical Framework and the relevant indicators developed by the UNODC

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2. Enhancing the dialogue with the State party under review

- Targeted use of country visits
- Improving and expanding their context and organization
- Extending their duration and ensuring the presence of practitioners from all relevant sectors
- Most importantly: Increase **resources**

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3. Developing a different methodology of evaluation

- Robust methodology to ensure a common understanding of evaluation criteria
- Again: Increased resources and a stronger role for the Secretariat as a centre of expertise and the institutional memory of the mechanism
- Equal standards of review
- FATF assessments as an example to be considered: Focus on “immediate outcomes”

Final Remarks

Conducting an ambitious and meaningful second review phase, focusing also on effectiveness, means making available all resources necessary to ensure equal treatment and high-quality reviews. This way, the process will not be considered as a temporary burden or a momentary, passing challenge, but as an opportunity for national authorities to have their systems tested and identify problems that need to be addressed in the immediate future.

Thank you!

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