



Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption

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Report on the meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery held in Vienna from 12 to 14 June 2024

I. Introduction

1. In its resolutions 1/4, 2/3, 3/3, 4/4, 5/3, 6/2, 6/3, 7/1, 8/1, 8/9, 9/2, 9/7 and 10/6, the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption established and continued the work of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery.
2. In its resolution 10/6, the Conference decided that the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery and the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption should, within their mandates and without duplicating the work of other relevant international organizations, include in their workplans for the period 2024–2025 the topic of good practices and challenges with respect to beneficial ownership information in order to detect, deter and prevent acts of corruption and to enhance the recovery and return of assets in accordance with the Convention.

II. Organization of the meeting

A. Opening of the meeting

3. The Working Group on Asset Recovery held its eighteenth meeting in Vienna from 12 to 14 June 2024.
4. The Working Group held six meetings, which were chaired by Richard Nephew (United States of America), President of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption at its tenth session, and Stelian Stoian (Romania), Vice-President of the Conference; most of those meetings were held jointly with the Implementation Review Group and the open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption. The Working Group considered items 1 to 5 of the agenda for its eighteenth meeting. Of those items, the Working Group considered items 2 to 4 jointly with the Implementation Review Group and the open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the Convention.
5. In her introductory statement, the Secretary of the Conference provided an overview of the organization of work of the separate and joint proceedings of the Implementation Review Group, the open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to



enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption and the Working Group on Asset Recovery.

B. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

6. On 12 June 2024, the Working Group on Asset Recovery adopted the annotated provisional agenda and organization of work for the meeting as contained in document [CAC/COSP/WG.2/2024/1](#).

C. Attendance

7. The following States parties to the Convention were represented at the meeting: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czechia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Niue, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Türkiye, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

8. The European Union, a regional economic integration organization that is a party to the Convention, was represented at the meeting.

9. The following United Nations bodies, funds and programmes, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network were represented by observers: United Nations Development Programme, World Bank, Basel Institute on Governance, College for Criminal Law Science of Beijing Normal University, and International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council.

10. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented by observers: Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering, Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, International Anti-Corruption Academy, International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), League of Arab States and Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean.

D. Documentation

11. The Working Group on Asset Recovery had before it the following documents:

(a) Annotated provisional agenda ([CAC/COSP/WG.2/2024/1](#));

(b) Note by the Secretariat entitled "Reference document on good practices, challenges and lessons learned with respect to beneficial ownership transparency" ([CAC/COSP/WG.2/2024/2](#));

(c) Note by the Secretariat entitled "Discussion guide on illicit financial flows and challenges, obstacles and barriers to international cooperation: measures taken by

States parties in follow-up to the political declaration adopted at the special session of the General Assembly against corruption” ([CAC/COSP/WG.2/2024/3](#)).

III. Adoption of the report

12. On 14 June 2024, the Working Group on Asset Recovery adopted the report on its eighteenth meeting ([CAC/COSP/WG.2/L.1](#)).
