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## **Annotations**

### **1. Organizational matters**

#### **(a) Opening of the meeting**

The fifteenth meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption will be opened on Tuesday, 3 September 2024, at 3 p.m., at the Vienna International Centre, M-Building, Boardroom B/M1. The meeting will be held in person.

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

In its resolution 10/3, entitled “Follow-up to the Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption”, the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption acknowledged that the Working Group should continue its work to advise and assist the Conference in the implementation of its mandate on the prevention of corruption and should hold at least two meetings prior to the eleventh session of the Conference.

The proposed organization of work for the fifteenth meeting (see annex) was prepared in line with the guidance contained in the workplan for the subsidiary bodies of the Conference, as approved by the Bureau of the Conference, in order to enable the consideration of agenda item 2 jointly with item 4 of the agenda of the first resumed fifteenth session of the Implementation Review Group.

### **2. Implementation of relevant Conference resolutions**

In its resolution 3/2, the Conference stressed the importance of implementing articles 5 to 14 of the Convention against Corruption to prevent and fight corruption. In the same resolution, the Conference decided to establish an interim open-ended intergovernmental working group to advise and assist the Conference in the implementation of its mandate on the prevention of corruption and decided that the working group should perform the following functions:

- (a) Assist the Conference in developing and accumulating knowledge in the area of prevention of corruption;
- (b) Facilitate the exchange of information and experience among States on preventive measures and practices;
- (c) Facilitate the collection, dissemination and promotion of best practices in the prevention of corruption;
- (d) Assist the Conference in encouraging cooperation among all stakeholders and sectors of society in order to prevent corruption.

In its resolution 6/1, the Conference requested the secretariat to structure the provisional agendas of the subsidiary bodies established by the Conference in such a way as to avoid the duplication of discussions, while respecting their mandates.

At its meeting held in Vienna from 22 to 24 August 2011, the Working Group recommended that, in advance of each of its future meetings, States parties should be invited to share their experiences of implementing the provisions under consideration, preferably by using the self-assessment checklist and including, where possible, successes, challenges, technical assistance needs, and lessons learned in implementation. The Working Group requested the secretariat to prepare background papers summarizing that information and decided that panel discussions should be held during its meetings, involving experts from countries that had provided written responses on the priority themes under consideration.

In line with resolutions adopted by the Conference at its tenth session and the schedule and distribution of topics of discussion among the subsidiary bodies of the Conference for 2024–2025, as approved by the extended Bureau of the tenth session of the

Conference on 23 February 2024, the topics for discussion at the fifteenth meeting will be:

- (a) Prevention of corruption in procurement at various levels of government and the effective use of information and communications technologies to prevent, detect, deter and counter corruption in procurement;
- (b) Strengthening international cooperation in the prevention of and the fight against corruption during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery;
- (c) Participation of society in preventing and fighting corruption, inclusive decision-making processes and the role of non-governmental stakeholders, journalists and the media;
- (d) Negative effects of corruption on women and youth and the role played by women and youth in preventing and combating corruption;
- (e) Methodologies and indicators for measuring corruption and the effectiveness of anti-corruption frameworks.

Furthermore, in its resolution 10/3, entitled “Follow-up to the Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption”, the Conference encouraged States parties to continue sharing information on good practices in preventing corruption and requested the secretariat to continue its work as an international observatory, including by updating the thematic website of the Working Group and the Tools and Resources for Anti-Corruption Knowledge portal with relevant information.

Agenda item 2 will be discussed together with item 4 of the agenda of the first resumed fifteenth session of the Implementation Review Group at joint meetings of the Working Group and the Implementation Review Group.

- (a) Thematic discussions on good practices and initiatives in the prevention of corruption**
- (i) Prevention of corruption in procurement at various levels of government and the effective use of information and communications technologies to prevent, detect, deter and counter corruption in procurement**

In its resolution 10/9, entitled “Promoting transparency and integrity in public procurement in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, the Conference requested the Working Group to include, as topics for discussion at its fifteenth and sixteenth meetings, the prevention of corruption in procurement at various government levels, including good practices, lessons learned and challenges, and the effective use of information and communications technologies to prevent, detect, deter and counter corruption in procurement.

Public procurement and the use of technology to strengthen integrity in procurement were discussed by the Working Group at its first, sixth, seventh and thirteenth meetings.

The consideration of this topic will be introduced by a panel discussion, including a presentation of the background paper prepared by the Secretariat on the topic, based on input from States parties sought in advance of the meeting.

Accordingly, the Working Group will have before it a background paper prepared by the Secretariat on the prevention of corruption in procurement at various levels of government and the effective use of information and communications technologies to prevent, detect, deter and counter corruption in procurement ([CAC/COSP/WG.4/2024/3](#)).

The attention of the Working Group is also drawn to the background paper prepared by the Secretariat on the use of information and communications technologies for the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption ([CAC/COSP/WG.4/2022/2](#)) and the conference room paper prepared by

the Secretariat on the same topic (CAC/COSP/WG.4/2022/CRP.2), both of which were prepared for the thirteenth meeting of the Working Group, held in June 2022.

### **Documentation**

Background paper prepared by the Secretariat on the prevention of corruption in procurement at various levels of government and the effective use of information and communications technologies to prevent, detect, deter and counter corruption in procurement ([CAC/COSP/WG.4/2024/3](#))

#### **(ii) Strengthening international cooperation in the prevention of and the fight against corruption during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery**

In its resolution 10/11, entitled “Follow-up to the Sharm el-Sheikh declaration on strengthening international cooperation in the prevention of and fight against corruption during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery”, the Conference requested the Working Group to include, as a topic for discussion at its next meeting, “Strengthening international cooperation in the prevention of and the fight against corruption during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery”.

Best practices and challenges concerning international cooperation in combating corruption during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery, and efforts to further explore and enhance knowledge of the links between corruption and other forms of crime were topics of discussion during the eleventh open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption, held in Vienna from 7 to 11 November 2022.<sup>1</sup>

The consideration of this topic will be introduced by a panel discussion, including a presentation by the secretariat on the topic, based on input from States parties sought in advance of the meeting.

The attention of the Working Group is drawn to the following:

(a) Non-binding guidelines for strengthening international and multilateral cooperation to further prevent, identify, investigate and prosecute corruption during times of emergency and crisis response and recovery;<sup>2</sup>

(b) Note by the Secretariat on non-binding guidelines for strengthening international and multilateral cooperation to further prevent, identify, investigate and prosecute corruption during times of emergency and crisis response and recovery ([CAC/COSP/EG.1/2023/3](#)), prepared for the twelfth open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption, held from 4 to 8 September 2023;

(c) Note by the Secretariat on links between corruption and other forms of crime, including during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery ([CAC/COSP/2023/18](#)), prepared for the Conference at its tenth session, held from 11 to 15 December 2023;

(d) Report of the Secretariat on progress made and challenges encountered in the implementation of Conference resolution 9/1, entitled “Sharm el-Sheikh declaration on strengthening international cooperation in the prevention of and fight against corruption during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery” ([CAC/COSP/2023/19](#)), prepared for the Conference at its tenth session, held from 11 to 15 December 2023;

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<sup>1</sup> The presentations made at the panel discussion on the topic are available at [www.unodc.org/corruption/en/cosp/EMIC/session11.html](http://www.unodc.org/corruption/en/cosp/EMIC/session11.html).

<sup>2</sup> Available at [www.unodc.org/documents/corruption/Publications/2024/UNODC\\_Non-binding\\_guidelines\\_on\\_corruption\\_during\\_times\\_of\\_emergency\\_and\\_crisis\\_response\\_and\\_recovery\\_FEB24.pdf](http://www.unodc.org/documents/corruption/Publications/2024/UNODC_Non-binding_guidelines_on_corruption_during_times_of_emergency_and_crisis_response_and_recovery_FEB24.pdf).

(e) Conference room paper on best practices and challenges concerning international cooperation in combating corruption during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery, and efforts to further explore and enhance knowledge of the links between corruption and other forms of crime (CAC/COSP/EG.1/2022/CRP.1), prepared for the eleventh open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption, held from 7 to 11 November 2022.

**(iii) Participation of society in preventing and fighting corruption, inclusive decision-making processes and the role of non-governmental stakeholders, journalists and the media**

In its resolution 10/1, entitled “Atlanta 2023: promoting integrity, accountability and transparency in the fight against corruption”, the Conference requested the Working Group to include as a topic for discussion on the agenda the participation of society in preventing and fighting corruption, as set out in article 13 of the Convention, for either its fifteenth or sixteenth meeting. In line with the above-mentioned decision of the extended Bureau on the distribution of topics of discussion among the subsidiary bodies of the Conference, the topic has been included in the agenda of the fifteenth meeting of the Working Group.

The consideration of this topic will be introduced by a panel discussion, including a presentation by the secretariat on the topic, based on input from States parties sought in advance of the meeting. In accordance with the workplan for the subsidiary bodies on the follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly against corruption, the topic emanating from that special session (“Public participation; inclusive decision-making processes; role of non-governmental stakeholders, journalists and media”) will be discussed together with the topic from Conference resolution 10/1.

The participation of society in preventing and fighting corruption, inclusive decision-making processes and the role of non-governmental stakeholders, journalists and the media was also a topic of discussion at the first, second, fourth, eighth and thirteenth meetings of the Working Group.

The attention of the Working Group is drawn to the background paper on anti-corruption awareness-raising, education, training and research (CAC/COSP/WG.4/2022/3), prepared by the Secretariat for the thirteenth meeting of the Working Group, held in June 2022.

**(iv) Negative effects of corruption on women and youth and the role played by women and youth in preventing and combating corruption**

In its resolution 10/3, entitled “Follow-up to the Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption”, the Conference requested the Working Group to consider including, as a topic for discussion at its fifteenth meeting, to be held in 2024, the negative effects of corruption on women and youth and the role played by women and youth in preventing and combating corruption.

The consideration of this topic will be introduced by a panel discussion, including a presentation by the secretariat on the topic, based on input from States parties sought in advance of the meeting.

The attention of the Working Group is drawn to the conference room paper prepared by the Secretariat on the negative effects of corruption on women and youth and the role played by women and youth in preventing and combating corruption (CAC/COSP/WG.4/2024/CRP.1).

**(v) Methodologies and indicators for measuring corruption and the effectiveness of anti-corruption frameworks**

In its resolution 10/4, entitled “Methodologies and indicators for measuring corruption and the effectiveness of anti-corruption frameworks”, the Conference

welcomed the inclusion of the measurement of corruption as a topic for discussion at the fifteenth meeting of the Working Group, to be held in 2024.

The topic of methodologies and indicators for measuring corruption and the effectiveness of anti-corruption frameworks was discussed at the Global Conference on Harnessing Data to Improve Corruption Measurement, held in Vienna on 31 August and 1 September 2023. The Global Conference brought together policymakers, scientists, practitioners and experts from Governments, civil society and academia to exchange knowledge, experiences and good practices in measuring corruption and the impact of anti-corruption measures.

The consideration of the topic will be introduced by a panel discussion, including a presentation by the secretariat on the topic, based on input from States parties sought in advance of the meeting.

Accordingly, the Working Group will have before it a background paper prepared by the Secretariat on methodologies and indicators for measuring corruption and the effectiveness of anti-corruption frameworks ([CAC/COSP/WG.4/2024/2](#)).

The attention of the Working Group is also drawn to the outcome document of the Global Conference on Harnessing Data to Improve Corruption Measurement, which is available on the website of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.<sup>3</sup>

### **Documentation**

Background paper prepared by the Secretariat on methodologies and indicators for measuring corruption and the effectiveness of anti-corruption frameworks ([CAC/COSP/WG.4/2024/2](#))

#### **(b) Overview of progress made in the implementation of mandates on the prevention of corruption**

In its decision 7/1, the Conference recalled its resolution 6/1 and requested the secretariat to structure the provisional agendas of the Implementation Review Group and of other subsidiary bodies established by the Conference in such a way as to avoid the duplication of discussions, while respecting their mandates.

Under this item, the secretariat will provide an oral update on the implementation of resolution 10/3, entitled “Follow-up to the Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption”.

#### **3. Future priorities in the prevention of corruption**

Under this agenda item, a discussion will be held on future priorities for the Working Group in advising and assisting the Conference in the implementation of its mandate on the prevention of corruption. The discussion will be informed by previous deliberations of the Working Group and by the ongoing review of the implementation of chapter II of the Convention under the second cycle of the Implementation Review Mechanism. Consideration will be given to the importance of implementing legislative and institutional frameworks consistent with the requirements of that chapter and how such implementation can be reviewed effectively.

#### **4. Adoption of the report**

The Working Group is to adopt a report on its fifteenth meeting.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://grace.unodc.org/grace/en/news-and-events/unodc-iaca-global-conference-on-harnessing-data-to-improve-corruption-measurement.html>.

## Annex

### Proposed organization of work

<i>Date</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
<b>Tuesday, 3 September 2024</b>		
3–6 p.m.	1	Organizational matters
	1 (a)	Opening of the meeting
	1 (b)	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	2	Implementation of relevant Conference resolutions <sup>a</sup>
	2 (a)	Thematic discussions on good practices and initiatives in the prevention of corruption
	2 (a) (i)	Prevention of corruption in procurement at various levels of government and the effective use of information and communications technologies to prevent, detect, deter and counter corruption in procurement
<b>Wednesday, 4 September 2024</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	2 (a) (ii)	Strengthening international cooperation in the prevention of and the fight against corruption during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery
3–6 p.m.	2 (a) (iii)	Participation of society in preventing and fighting corruption, inclusive decision-making processes and the role of non-governmental stakeholders, journalists and the media
<b>Thursday, 5 September 2024</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	2 (a) (iv)	Negative effects of corruption on women and youth and the role played by women and youth in preventing and combating corruption
3–6 p.m.	2 (a) (v)	Methodologies and indicators for measuring corruption and the effectiveness of anti-corruption frameworks
<b>Friday, 6 September 2024</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	2 (b)	Overview of progress made in the implementation of mandates on the prevention of corruption
	3	Future priorities in the prevention of corruption
3–6 p.m.	4	Adoption of the report

<sup>a</sup> Agenda item 2 will be discussed together with item 4 of the agenda of the first resumed fifteenth session of the Implementation Review Group at joint meetings of the Working Group and the Implementation Review Group.