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The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) presents its compliments to the [[[AddressLine1PR]]] [[[ToUNOV]]] and has the honour to draw the attention of the Government to resolutions 10/3 and 10/9 of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (the Conference), adopted at its tenth session, and to the recommendations of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Prevention of Corruption (Working Group), established by the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption in its resolution 3/2 entitled “Preventive Measures”.

In its resolution 10/3, entitled “Follow-up to the Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption”, the Conference 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.

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 Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption 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 communication technologies technology to prevent, detect, deter and counter corruption in procurement.

The Working Group had recommended at its second intersessional meeting that in advance of each future meeting of the Working Group, 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 (CAC/COSP/WG.4/2011/4, para. 12).

UNODC therefore seeks the cooperation of all States parties to the Convention in providing pertinent information on the prevention of corruption in procurement at various government levels, including good practices, lessons learned and challenges, and the effective use of technology to prevent, detect, deter and counter corruption in procurement.

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In order to assist States parties in the provision of the requested information, the secretariat has produced a guidance note (enclosed as an annex) outlining the type of information States parties may wish to provide in advance of the Working Group.

The use of technology for the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption has been a topic of discussion at the seventh and thirteenth Sessions of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Prevention of Corruption. An analysis of the submissions received is available in documents CAC/COSP/WG.4/2022/2 and CAC/COSP/WG.4/2016/2. Integrity in public procurement processes and transparency and accountability in the management of public finances (articles 9 and 10 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption) was a topic of discussion at the sixth session of the Working Group. An analysis of the submissions received is available in document CAC/COSP/WG.4/2015/3.

In its resolution 10/3, 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 the Resources for Anti-Corruption Knowledge portal with relevant information.

Furthermore, in its resolution 9/2, the Conference requested the secretariat to create and maintain a repository of all the contributions submitted on a voluntary basis by States parties on the implementation of the Convention and the UNGASS political declaration.

States parties and signatories are therefore also encouraged to provide the secretariat with new and updated information and good practices on their implementation of chapter II of the Convention, which the secretariat will gather, systematize, and disseminate. In line with these mandates and past practice, the secretariat will make all submissions received available online ahead of the next meeting of the Working Group, unless requested otherwise. In doing so, the secretariat hopes to facilitate the sharing of good practices between States parties.

It would be appreciated if the Government could send any pertinent information to the secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Vienna International Centre, P.O. Box 500, 1400 Vienna, Austria, or by email to uncac@un.org [Subject line: Fifteenth session of the Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption], as soon as possible but no later than **7 June 2024**.

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime avails itself of this opportunity to reiterate to the [[[AddressLine1PR]]] [[[ToUNOV]]] the assurances of its highest consideration.

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