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 10/1 and 10/3 of the Conference of the States Parties, adopted at its tenth session, and to the recommendations of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption, established by the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption in resolution 3/2, entitled “Preventive Measures”.

In 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.

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” noted with appreciation “the important role of civil society, academia, the private sector and the media in identifying, detecting and reporting on cases of corruption”. In addition, in resolution 9/2, entitled “Our common commitment to effectively addressing challenges and implementing measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthening international cooperation: follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly against corruption”, the Conference directed its subsidiary bodies, within their mandates, to take appropriate measures to follow up on the political declaration of the special session of the United Nations General Assembly. Reference is also made to the multi-year workplan for the period 2024–2026 for the subsidiary bodies of the Conference to follow up on the achievements of the political declaration. In February 2024, the Bureau decided that the topic of “Public participation; inclusive decision-making processes; role of non-governmental stakeholders, journalists and media” be discussed by the Working Group on Prevention at its session in 2024.

Furthermore, in 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 “the negative effects of corruption on women and youth and the role played by women and youth in preventing and combating corruption”.

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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 information on the implementation of the Convention’s good practices among 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 un cac@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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