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Preparation for the 16th Working Group on Prevention of Corruption

The secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption presents its compliments to the [[[AddressLine1PR]]] [[[ToUNOV]]] and has the honour to draw the attention of the Government to the substantive agenda items of the sixteenth session of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption, to be held in Vienna from 17 to 20 June 2025, and to invite it to provide information as requested below to support the preparation of the background papers for the Working Group.

Reference is made to resolutions 9/2, 10/3, 10/5, 10/6, 10/8, 10/9 and 10/12 of the Conference¹ and to the relevant recommendations established by the Conference in its resolution 3/2, entitled “Preventive measures”.

Reference is also made to the Workplan for the subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption for the period 2024–2025, which was adopted by the extended Bureau of the Conference on 23 February 2024.²

In line with the Workplan and Conference resolutions 9/2, 10/5, 10/6, 10/8, 10/9 and 10/12, the topics for discussion at the sixteenth session of the Working Group, to be held in Vienna from 17 to 20 June 2025, will be:

- (a) The prevention of corruption involving organized criminal groups, including the transnational nature of those crimes;
- (b) 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;
- (c) Challenges and good practices in the protection of reporting persons;

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¹ www.unodc.org/corruption/en/cosp/conference/session10-resolutions.html.

² https://track.unodc.org/uploads/documents/cosp/workplan/Workplan_2024_2025_for_circulation_special_message.pdf.

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(d) 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;

(e) Incentives for the private sector to adopt integrity measures; and

(f) Judicial integrity and ethics, and integrity of the criminal justice system.

In this context, the secretariat invites all parties to the Convention to provide information on their initiatives and practices related to the following topics for discussion at the sixteenth meeting of the Working Group:

(a) The prevention of corruption involving organized criminal groups, including the transnational nature of those crimes; and

(b) Judicial integrity and ethics, and integrity of the criminal justice system.

In order to assist States parties in the provision of the requested information, the secretariat has prepared guidance notes (enclosed as annex I) outlining the type of information sought.

The secretariat will make all submissions received available online on the thematic website of the Working Group ahead of the upcoming session, unless requested otherwise. This is in line with past practice and was confirmed by the Conference in resolution 10/3.

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 stefanie.holling@un.org and tatiana.veress@un.org [Subject line: Sixteenth session of the Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption], as soon as possible but not later than **1 March 2025**.

28 January 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DG' or similar initials, located below the date.