

## Annex - Questionnaire

**Measures taken to implement the Convention and the commitments contained in the UNGASS political declaration, as well as good practices and progress made in the use of international cooperation mechanisms under the Convention<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Country</b>	The People's Republic of China
<b>Implementing authority/authorities</b>	Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR)
<b>Corresponding paragraph(s) of the UNGASS political declaration and/or article(s) of the Convention</b>	<u>UNGASS political declaration</u> Paragraphs 23, 41 to 52
<b>Title of initiative</b>	Strengthening investigation capacity through specialisation
<b>Keywords of initiative</b>	Specialisation, dedicated groups, forensic accounting, computer forensic, proceeds of crime
<b>Short summary of initiative</b> (please indicate the start date/duration if relevant)	Dedicated groups of operations have been established, namely Forensic Accounting Group, Computer Forensics Section, and the Proceeds of Crime Section
<b>Detailed description of initiative</b>	<p>Established in 2011, the Forensic Accounting Group comprises dedicated Forensic Accountant Grade officers with professional qualifications and extensive forensic accounting experience. It provides support to investigating officers in dealing with cases of increasing complexity from a financial perspective. The support includes the provision of expert opinion in court in relation to financial and accounting matters, conducting financial analysis and investigation, and assisting in search operations and interviews.</p> <p>With its increasing advancement and penetration, information technology (IT) has become an integral part of people's daily lives and in the delivery of commercial activities and public services. Criminals are quick to exploit IT or electronic devices, such as smartphones, to communicate and even facilitate their illicit activities. The Computer Forensics Section plays a pivotal role in providing support to frontline investigators in retrieving, securing and analysing electronic data for identifying valuable information for investigation and producing admissible evidence in court.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Please use one form per initiative described

	To intensively combat corruption and related crimes, the Proceeds of Crime Section was established in 2010 to deal with restraint, disclosure and confiscation of assets under the Organized and Serious Crimes Ordinance (Cap. 455) in order to deprive criminals of their ill-gotten gains.
<b>Lessons learned in implementing the initiative</b>	Through effective collaboration with the anti-corruption counterparts, the latest trend and techniques of the said specialized areas are kept up-to-date.
<b>Challenges encountered in implementing the initiative</b>	The range and type of corruption and related crime are constantly evolving and developing. Law enforcement agencies, including ICAC, will face new challenges brought about by technology advancement or other emerging trends.
<b>Link to more information</b>	-