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Annotations

1. **Organizational matters**
 - (a) **Opening of the meeting**

The meeting of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on the review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto will be opened on Monday, 23 January 2012, at 10 a.m.



(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda for the meeting was prepared in accordance with resolution 5/5, entitled “Review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto”, adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime at its fifth session, held in Vienna from 18 to 22 October 2010.

In its resolution 5/5, the Conference recalled article 32 of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, according to which the Conference is to promote and review the implementation of the Convention.

At its meeting held from 17 to 19 May 2011, the working group completed the first reading of the text of the draft terms of reference of the mechanism for the review of implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and Protocols thereto; the draft guidelines for governmental experts and the secretariat in the conduct of country reviews; and the draft blueprint for country review reports and executive summaries.

The proposed organization of work for the second meeting of the working group (see annex) was prepared to enable the working group to perform its mandated functions within the time and according to the conference services available.

The resources available to the working group will permit the holding of two plenary meetings per day with interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations.

2. Options and proposals for the establishment of a mechanism or mechanisms to assist the Conference in the review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto

In its resolution 5/5, the Conference decided to establish a working group to, inter alia, consider and explore options and make proposals for the establishment of a mechanism or mechanisms to assist the Conference in the review of the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto.

3. Terms of reference for a review mechanism or mechanisms, guidelines for governmental experts and a blueprint for the country review reports

In its resolution 5/5, the Conference decided to establish a working group to, inter alia, prepare terms of reference for the proposed review mechanism or mechanisms, guidelines for governmental experts and a blueprint for the country review reports, for consideration and possible adoption by the Conference at its sixth session; and agreed that the working group might consider, as a basis of its work, proposals and initiatives submitted by States parties and signatories in that regard in advance of the meetings of the working group, including the proposals contained in annexes I and II to the resolution.

The working group will have before it for its consideration the proposals revised by the working group during its meeting held in May 2011. The proposals are contained in the following documents:

(a) Revised draft terms of reference of the mechanism for the review of implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto (CTOC/COP/WG.5/2011/2/Rev.1);

(b) Revised draft guidelines for governmental experts and the secretariat in the conduct of country reviews (CTOC/COP/WG.5/2011/3/Rev.1);

(c) Revised draft blueprint for country review reports and executive summaries (CTOC/COP/WG.5/2011/4/Rev.1).

The Chair of the working group organized informal consultations to advance mutual understanding and promote the resolution of outstanding issues on the review mechanism for the Convention and the Protocols thereto. The text of the revised draft terms of reference, as discussed during the informal consultations, is contained in a conference room paper (CTOC/COP/WG.5/2012/CRP.1). Furthermore, the proposals made by States during the informal consultations on the allocation of the articles of the Convention and the three Protocols thereto during the review cycles are contained in a conference room paper (CTOC/COP/WG.5/2011/CRP.2).

Documentation

Revised draft terms of reference of the mechanism for the review of implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto (CTOC/COP/WG.5/2011/2/Rev.1)

Revised draft guidelines for governmental experts and the secretariat in the conduct of country reviews (CTOC/COP/WG.5/2011/3/Rev.1)

Revised draft blueprint for country review reports and executive summaries (CTOC/COP/WG.5/2011/4/Rev.1)

Draft indicative thematic distribution of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto (CTOC/COP/WG.5/2011/5)

4. Consideration of the comprehensive self-assessment software (“omnibus survey software”)

In its resolution 5/5, the Conference decided that a software-based comprehensive self-assessment checklist (“omnibus tool”) should be used to facilitate the gathering of information on implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto and requested the secretariat to distribute it, translated into all official languages of the United Nations, to States parties and signatories, in order to allow them to start familiarizing themselves with it.

An expert group meeting on the comprehensive self-assessment software (“omnibus survey software”) and informal consultations on the same topic were held from 9 to 11 November 2011, under the chairmanship of Ulises Canchola Gutiérrez (Mexico).

The secretariat has finalized the questionnaires and arranged for them to be translated into the official languages of the United Nations. Under item 4, a presentation on the omnibus survey software will be given.

5. Adoption of the report

It is expected that the working group will adopt on 27 January 2012 the report on its meeting.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Monday, 23 January		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	1 (a)	Opening of the meeting
	1 (b)	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	2	Options and proposals for the establishment of a mechanism or mechanisms to assist the Conference in the review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto
3-6 p.m.	3	Terms of reference for a review mechanism or mechanisms, guidelines for governmental experts and a blueprint for the country review reports
Tuesday, 24 January		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3	Terms of reference for a review mechanism or mechanisms, guidelines for governmental experts and a blueprint for the country review reports (<i>continued</i>)
3-6 p.m.	3	Terms of reference for a review mechanism or mechanisms, guidelines for governmental experts and a blueprint for the country review reports (<i>continued</i>)
Wednesday, 25 January		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3	Terms of reference for a review mechanism or mechanisms, guidelines for governmental experts and a blueprint for the country review reports (<i>continued</i>)
3-6 p.m.	3	Terms of reference for a review mechanism or mechanisms, guidelines for governmental experts and a blueprint for the country review reports (<i>continued</i>)
Thursday, 26 January		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3	Terms of reference for a review mechanism or mechanisms, guidelines for governmental experts and a blueprint for the country review reports (<i>continued</i>)
3-6 p.m.	3	Terms of reference for a review mechanism or mechanisms, guidelines for governmental experts and a blueprint for the country review reports (<i>continued</i>)
Friday, 27 January		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	4	Consideration of the comprehensive self-assessment software ("omnibus survey software")
3-6 p.m.	4	Consideration of the comprehensive self-assessment software ("omnibus survey software") (<i>continued</i>)
	5	Other matters
	6	Adoption of the report