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Addendum

**III. Presentation of the proposed multi-year workplan for
the activities of the Working Group, covering the
period 2012-2015**

1. The President of the Conference handed over the chairmanship of the meeting to the Vice-President of the Conference (Argentina).
2. The Group considered the draft proposed multi-year workplan for the activities of the Working Group for the period 2012-2015, in line with the relevant request of the Conference. The Secretariat had prepared the draft workplan on the basis of guidance provided by the Group at its previous sessions as well as proposals submitted by several States parties. The draft workplan sought to ensure adequate preparation for the review of Chapter V in the second cycle of the Mechanism to Review the Implementation of the Convention as well as provide opportunities for discussion in the Group on practical aspects of recovery, including challenges and good practices, and on capacity-building and technical assistance.
3. Several speakers commented on the draft workplan and made suggestions that were incorporated into an updated draft to be circulated during the session. [The revised proposal was considered and adopted by the Working Group].
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6. [..].



IV. Overview of progress made in the implementation of Conference resolution 4/4 and the recommendations of the Working Group

7. The Secretariat provided an overview of document CAC/COSP/WG.2/2012/3 entitled “Note by the Secretariat on strengthening international asset recovery efforts: progress report on the implementation of asset recovery mandates”. The note was structured around the three functions of the Group, namely, developing cumulative knowledge in the field of asset recovery; building confidence and trust between requesting and requested States; and, technical assistance, training and capacity-building. The comprehensive self-assessment checklist was highlighted as a useful information-gathering tool for States in this respect, as well as the Legal Library established and maintained by UNODC and the knowledge products developed by the Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative. A digest of asset recovery cases was currently being finalized following its consideration by an expert group. Regarding networks of practitioners, the Secretariat had received 53 notifications of national asset recovery focal points. Further cooperation was being undertaken with the financial sector and financial intelligence units and with other organizations. Technical assistance had included, inter alia, legislative assistance and capacity-building, as well as assistance with specific cases. Further activities had included consideration of cooperation with international and regional academies and e-learning programmes.

8. Speakers commended the work that had been undertaken to implement Chapter V of the Convention and called for further activities in support of States’ efforts in this respect. The need to prepare for the review of implementation of that Chapter in the second cycle, starting in 2015 was stressed, including through the use of the comprehensive self-assessment checklist. Speakers welcomed the role of UNODC and the joint UNODC/World Bank Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative, and recalled that all activities undertaken needed to be in line with the provisions of the Convention and resolutions of the Conference. International efforts for asset recovery were to be reinforced, and reference was made to the G20 decisions as well as the establishment and operation of networks of practitioners. Speakers noted the development of knowledge products including the digest and database. Two speakers referred to the work undertaken by the International Centre for Asset Recovery of the Basel Institute for Governance. Other initiatives mentioned were the Lausanne process and its informal platform of experts from requesting and requested States.

9. A representative of the secretariat presented the results of the work of the secretariat on the expansion of the MLA Request Writer Tool with added asset recovery features. It was stressed that the tool was currently in its final preparation stage and would be ready by the resumed third session of the Implementation Review Group in November 2012. The tool in its expanded form included different steps of the asset recovery process under which specific types of mutual legal assistance would be available. Based on the recommendations of the expert group meeting on the expansion of the MLA tool, the representative of the secretariat encouraged the working group to consider making a recommendation to the States parties to provide practical information on asset recovery. If desired the Secretariat could develop a generic template with a view to assisting countries in compiling relevant information.

The aim of this would be to link it to the enhanced MLA tool for the benefit of practitioners.

10. Speakers commended the work of the secretariat on the enhancement of the MLA request writer tool and the efforts of the secretariat on the dissemination of asset recovery information and suggested to distribute the information about asset recovery trainings and different bodies in charge of asset recovery via the UNODC website. The representative of the United States brought to the attention of the meeting the guidelines on the asset recovery assistance prepared by his country in order to facilitate asset recovery. He noted that the G8 countries had agreed to produce similar guides to their domestic requirements and work together with all the countries of the Deauville Partnership in the implementation of its asset recovery action plan.
