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**Review of the implementation of the United Nations
Convention against Transnational Organized Crime
and the Protocols thereto: United Nations Convention
against Transnational Organized Crime**

Norway and Switzerland: draft resolution

**Participation of signatories, non-signatories, entities,
intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental
organizations in the work of the Palermo Implementation
Review Group and the working groups established by the
Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention
against Transnational Organized Crime**

*The Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against
Transnational Organized Crime,*

Recognizing the need to address the issue of the participation of signatories,
non-signatories, entities, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental
organizations in the work of the Palermo Implementation Review Group and
working groups established by the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations
Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,

1. *Decides* to apply the rules on the participation of signatories,
non-signatories, entities, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental
organizations in the work of the Palermo Implementation Review Group and the
working groups established by the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations
Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, annexed to the present
resolution;

2. *Encourages* signatories, non-signatories, entities and relevant
intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to report to
the Conference and/or the working groups, as appropriate, on their activities and

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contributions to the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of the working groups adopted by the Conference, including those related to meeting technical assistance needs and advancing capacity to effectively implement the Convention.

Annex

Rules on the participation of signatories, non-signatories, entities, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in the work of the Palermo Implementation Review Group and the working groups established by the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

Rule 1

Signatories

1. Subject to prior written notification to the Secretary-General, any State or regional economic integration organization that is a signatory to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime in accordance with its article 36, paragraphs 1 and 2, shall be entitled to participate in the Palermo Implementation Review Group and the working groups established by the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.

2. Signatories shall be entitled:

- (a) To attend meetings of the Palermo Group and the working groups;
- (b) To deliver statements at those meetings;
- (c) To receive the documents of those groups;
- (d) To submit their views in writing to those groups;
- (e) To participate in the deliberative process of those groups.

Rule 2

Non-signatories

1. A State or regional economic integration organization that has not signed the Convention in accordance with article 36, paragraphs 1 and 2, may apply to the bureau of the Conference for observer status, provided that such a State or regional economic integration organization has notified the Palermo Group and the working groups, through the secretariat, of its intention or decision to ratify, accept, approve or accede to the Convention in accordance with its article 36, paragraphs 3 and 4.

2. In the notification referred to in paragraph 1 above, the regional economic integration organization shall also provide the information mentioned in rule 3, paragraph 1, below.

3. Without taking part in the adoption of decisions on substantive and procedural matters, such non-signatory States and regional economic integration organizations may:

- (a) Attend meetings of the Palermo Group and the working groups;

- (b) Deliver statements at such meetings at the invitation of the Chair of the group or groups concerned and in consultation with the bureau of the Conference;
- (c) Receive the documents of those groups;
- (d) Submit their views in writing to those groups.

Rule 3

Entities and intergovernmental organizations

1. Subject to prior written notification to the Secretary-General, representatives of entities and intergovernmental organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices, representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and funds, and representatives of functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council may be invited to participate in the meetings of the Palermo Group and the working groups.

2. Representatives of any other relevant intergovernmental organizations that have been admitted to participate in sessions of the Conference may also be invited to participate in the meetings of those groups.

3. Without taking part in the adoption of decisions on substantive and procedural matters, such entities and organizations may:

- (a) Attend meetings of the Palermo Group and the working groups;
- (b) Deliver statements at such meetings at the invitation of the Chair of the group or groups concerned and in consultation with the bureau of the Conference;
- (c) Receive the documents of those groups;
- (d) Submit their views in writing to those groups.

4. For the purposes of paragraphs 1 and 2 above, the Conference requests the Secretary-General to circulate a letter to entities and intergovernmental organizations requesting them:

(a) To consider and to communicate to the Secretary-General, in writing, whether they are willing to participate in the meetings of the Palermo Group and the working groups, paying due regard to the respective mandates and functions of the groups, as defined in paragraph 44 of the terms of reference of the mechanism for the review of implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto;

(b) To provide information on issues with regard to which, and on ways and means by which, they intend to contribute to the effective work of the groups, especially through the provision of support and assistance in implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of the groups to be adopted by the Conference.

5. The secretariat shall compile the information contained in the communications of relevant entities and intergovernmental organizations and submit it to the groups.

6. On the basis of the information referred to in paragraph 4 above, the groups shall decide, by consensus and as appropriate, to update the list of entities

and intergovernmental organizations to be invited to participate in the meetings of the groups.

Rule 4

Non-governmental organizations

1. Relevant non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that have been accorded observer status in the Conference may be invited to participate in the meetings of the Palermo Group and the working groups.

2. Representatives of any other relevant non-governmental organizations that have been admitted to participate in sessions of the Conference may also be invited to participate in the meetings of the groups.

3. Without taking part in the adoption of decisions on substantive and procedural matters, such non-governmental organizations may:

- (a) Attend the meetings of the groups;
 - (b) Upon the invitation of the Chair of the group and subject to the approval of the group, make statements at such meetings through a limited number of representatives on questions relating to their activities;
 - (c) Receive the documents of the groups.
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