



# Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

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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**

**China and Russian Federation: draft resolution**

## **Participation of signatories, non-signatories, entities and intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Palermo Implementation Review Group and other mechanisms 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,*

*Recalling* its resolution 6/[...], entitled “Mechanism for the Review of the  
Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized  
Crime and the Protocols thereto”,

*Recalling also* that, in accordance with paragraph 41 of the terms of reference  
of the Mechanism for the Review of the Implementation of the United Nations  
Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto, the  
Palermo Implementation Review Group shall be an open-ended intergovernmental  
group of States parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational  
Organized Crime<sup>1</sup> and shall operate under the authority of and report to the  
Conference,

*Recognizing* the need to address the issue of participation of signatories,  
non-signatories, entities, intergovernmental organizations in the work of the  
Palermo Group,

1. *Decides* to apply the rules on the participation of signatories,  
non-signatories, entities and intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Palermo

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2225, No. 39574.



Implementation Review Group and other mechanisms 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 to report to the Conference and/or the Palermo Group, as appropriate, on their activities and contributions to the implementation of the recommendations and conclusions of the Palermo Group approved by the Conference, including those related to meeting technical assistance needs and advancing capacity to effectively implement the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

## **Annex**

### **Rules on the participation of signatories, non-signatories, entities and intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Palermo Implementation Review Group and other mechanisms 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;

2. Signatories shall be entitled:

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

#### **Rule 2**

##### **Non-signatories**

1. A State or regional economic integration organization that has not signed the Convention in accordance with its article 36, paragraphs 1 and 2, may apply to the bureau for observer status, provided that such a State or regional economic integration organization has notified the Palermo Group, 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 4, 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;
- (b) Deliver statements at such meetings at the invitation of the Chair of the Palermo Group and in consultation with the bureau;
- (c) Receive the documents of the Palermo Group;
- (d) Submit their views in writing to the Palermo Group.

**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;

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 the Palermo Group;

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;
- (b) Deliver statements at such meetings at the invitation of the Chair of the Palermo Group and in consultation with the bureau;
- (c) Receive the documents of the Palermo Group;
- (d) Submit their views in writing to the Palermo Group.

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, paying due regard to its respective mandate and to its functions, as defined in paragraph 43 of the terms of reference of the Mechanism for the Review of the 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 Review Mechanism, especially through the provision of support and assistance in implementation of the recommendations and conclusions of the Palermo Group 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 Palermo Group;

6. On the basis of the information referred to in paragraph 4 above, the Palermo Group shall decide, by consensus and as appropriate, to update the list of entities and intergovernmental organizations to be invited to participate in its meetings.

**Rule 4****Application to other mechanisms established by the Conference**

The present rules shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to any mechanism or body that the Conference may establish in accordance with article 32 of the Convention, unless it decides otherwise.

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