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Addendum

III. Review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto

A. United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

1. At its 4th meeting, on 16 October 2012, the Conference considered agenda item 2 (a), entitled “Review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto: United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime”. For its consideration of the item, the Conference had before it the following:

(a) Report of the Secretariat on the development of a digest of organized crime cases (CTOC/COP/2012/11);

(b) Note by the Secretariat on the estimated financial requirements for a mechanism to review the implementation of the Organized Crime Convention and the Protocols thereto (CTOP/COP/2012/14);

(c) Note by the Secretariat on the status of ratification of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto as at 1 October 2012 (CTOC/COP/2012/CRP.1);

(d) Note by the Secretariat providing an update on the development of the omnibus survey software to collect information on the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto (CTOC/COP/2012/CRP.2);



(e) Report of the Secretariat on the evaluation of the pilot programme to review implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (CTOC/COP/2012/CRP.3);

(f) Non-paper by Mexico entitled “Chapultepec Consensus: establishment of the hemispheric approach for cooperation against transnational organized crime” (CTOC/COP/2012/CRP.5).

2. Representatives of the Secretariat made an introductory statement and an audiovisual presentation.
3. Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Romania, the United States and Lebanon.
4. The observer for Japan also made a statement.

Deliberations

5. Speakers called on States to ratify and implement the provisions of the Organized Crime Convention and the Protocols thereto. The importance of using the Convention as a basis for international judicial cooperation was also stressed.

6. Speakers noted with appreciation the role of UNODC in providing technical assistance to States. They also indicated that the effective implementation of the Convention required the adoption of a mechanism to review implementation of the Organized Crime Convention and the Protocols thereto.

7. Speakers welcomed the progress made since the previous session of the Conference within the framework of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on the review of the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto, as well as the informal consultations, which had been positively facilitated by Mexico. The efforts of UNODC to provide relevant information, particularly related to cost-saving measures, as well as the improvements made to the comprehensive self-assessment software (“omnibus survey software”), were further noted. In addition, speakers stated that most chapters of the terms of reference for the Review Mechanism had been agreed and that efforts had been made to incorporate lessons learned and to ensure cost-effectiveness.

8. States expressed their willingness to consider other opinions and to contribute constructively to resolve the two outstanding issues, namely, funding of the Mechanism and participation of observers.

9. Some States diverged in their views on whether the Mechanism should be funded exclusively through extrabudgetary contributions or through a combination of regular budget and extrabudgetary funds, as well as on the form of participation of observers in the Mechanism.

10. States also referred to the draft provisions in the terms of reference of the Mechanism regarding the participation of observers in the sessions of the Palermo Implementation Review Group.