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I. Organizational matters

A. Opening of the session

1. The Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime held its sixth session in Vienna from 15 to 19 October 2012. During the session, a total of 10 meetings were held, including three meetings of the Committee of the Whole. The Working Group on International Cooperation held three meetings on 15 and 16 October 2012. The Open-ended Interim Working Group of Governmental Experts on Technical Assistance held two meetings on 17 October 2012. The two working groups also held two joint meetings on 18 October 2012.

2. At the first meeting of the session, on 15 October 2012, opening statements were made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the President of Slovenia, the representatives of Chile (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), Nigeria (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States), Philippines (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of Asia-Pacific States), El Salvador (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States) and the representative of the European Union (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union and other States). Statements were also made by the Minister of Justice of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, the Minister of Justice of Nigeria, the Director General of the Federal Ministry of Justice of Austria and the Minister of the Interior of Mexico.



B. Election of officers

3. At its first session, the Conference had decided that the offices of President and Rapporteur should rotate among the regional groups and that such rotation should take place in alphabetical order. Accordingly, at the sixth session, the President of the Conference was nominated by the Asia-Pacific States, and the African States were asked to nominate one Vice-President and the Rapporteur.

4. At its first meeting, on 15 October 2012, the Conference elected the following officers by acclamation:

<i>President:</i>	Rachmat Budiman (Indonesia)
<i>Vice-Presidents:</i>	Simona Marin (Romania)
	Eugenio María Curia (Argentina)
	Carmen Buján Freire (Spain)
	Khaled Abdelrahman Shamaa (Egypt)
	Lourdes Yparraguirre (Philippines)
	Blanka Jamnišek (Slovenia)
	Alejandro Poiré Romero (Mexico)
	John Brandolino (United States of America)
<i>Rapporteur:</i>	Consolata Kiragu (Kenya)

C. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

5. At its first meeting, on 15 October 2012, the Conference adopted the provisional agenda contained in document CTOC/COP/2012/1.

D. Participation

6. The sixth session of the Conference was attended by representatives of [...] States parties to the Convention and a regional economic integration organization party to the Convention. Also attending the session were observers for States signatories to the Convention, non-signatory States, an entity maintaining a permanent observer mission to the United Nations, Secretariat units, United Nations bodies, funds and programmes, institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and relevant non-governmental organizations not having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that had applied for observer status.

7. The list of participants is contained in document CTOC/COP/2012/INF/2/Rev.1.

8. Rules 14-17 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, concerning the participation of observers, were brought to the attention of participants in the session.

9. At its fifth session, the Conference had decided that the intergovernmental organizations listed in CTOC/COP/2010/CRP.7, as orally amended, would receive

invitations to attend future sessions of the Conference. The extended Bureau of the Conference had considered the matter at its meeting on 7 May 2012, and all intergovernmental organizations listed in CTOC/COP/2010/CRP.7 received invitations to the sixth session of the Conference.

10. In accordance with rule 17 of the rules of procedure, the Secretariat circulated to the Bureau in due time a list of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and other relevant organizations not accredited with the Economic and Social Council but which had applied to the Bureau for observer status. The participation of non-governmental organizations in the sixth session of the Conference was considered and agreed by the extended Bureau at its meetings held on 7 May, 4 July, 6 September and 9 October 2012.

E. Adoption of the report of the Bureau on credentials

11. By its decision 4/7, the Conference had amended rule 18, on submission of credentials, of its rules of procedure, modifying paragraph 3 and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

“3. The credentials shall be issued by the Head of State or Government, by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by the Permanent Representative to the United Nations of the State party in accordance with its domestic law or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization.

“4. When the Conference is to consider proposals for amendments to the Convention in accordance with article 39 of the Convention and rule 62 of the rules of procedure for the Conference, the credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State party or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization.”

12. According to rule 19 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau shall examine the credentials of representatives of each State party and the names of the persons constituting the State party's delegation and submit its report to the Conference.

13. At its [...] meeting, the Bureau informed the Conference that, of the [...] States parties represented at the sixth session, [...] States had complied with the credentials requirements. [...] States parties, namely, [...], had not complied with rule 18 of the rules of procedure. The Bureau emphasized that it was the obligation of each State party to submit the credentials of representatives in accordance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure and called on those States parties that had not yet done so to provide the Secretariat with their original credentials as soon as possible but not later than [...].

14. The Bureau also reported to the Conference that it had examined the submitted credentials and had found them to be in order.

15. The Conference adopted the report of the Bureau on credentials at its [...] meeting, on [...] October 2012.