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Addendum

V. Presentation on the Global Programme against Corruption

1. Representatives of the Global Programme against Corruption presented to the Expert Group a 40-minute overview of the activities of the Global Programme, as the meeting was an ideal opportunity to brief such an expert audience on the Programme and its ability to provide technical assistance to Member States. The representatives described the overall objective of the Global Programme against Corruption, its focus, integrated approach and current initiatives, and outlined some of the key lessons learned.

2. Several delegations offered comments and posed questions on the Global Programme and made positive remarks about the actions undertaken against corruption by the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention of the Secretariat. Topics included judicial corruption, accountability, reversal of the burden of proof, empowerment of victims, corporate corruption and causes of corruption. Many delegates welcomed the development of an anti-corruption tool kit and suggested that new tools should be developed to address areas such as ethics, education of youth, civil service reform and asset recovery.

VI. Informal consultations

3. In agreement with the members of the Bureau, the Chairman of the Meeting decided to hold informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Ambassador Abdulkadir Bin Rimdap (Nigeria), Vice-Chairman. The main purpose of the

consultations was to finalize a draft resolution proposed by the Chairman, entitled "Terms of reference for the negotiation of a United Nations convention against corruption". The consultations focused attention on discussing the various elements to be considered by the ad hoc committee for inclusion in the draft convention.

4. The consultations also dealt with organizational and procedural matters, including the number and duration of future sessions of the ad hoc committee and the composition of its Bureau, as well as participation of States and non-governmental organizations in those sessions. The consultations led to agreement on a consensus text, which was submitted to the Expert Group for consideration and action.
