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**Consideration of the draft United Nations Convention
against Corruption, with particular emphasis
on articles 1-39**

Proposals and contributions received from Governments

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: amendments to article 5 bis

It is proposed to continue work on article 5 bis on the basis of the following text:¹

*“Article 5 bis
“Preventive anti-corruption bodies*

“1. Each State Party shall, in a manner consistent with the fundamental principles of its legal system, ensure the existence of bodies to prevent corruption, by such means as:

“(a) Implementing the policies referred to in article 5 of this Convention;

“(b) Overseeing and coordinating the implementation of those policies where appropriate;

“(c) Providing one or more contact points to which any natural or legal person may report information concerning acts of corruption;

“(d) Increasing and disseminating knowledge about the prevention of corruption.

¹ The text of this proposal is a revised version submitted, pursuant to a request by the Chairman, by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, which coordinated an informal working group.



“2. Each State Party shall grant the bodies referred to in paragraph 1 of this article the necessary independence, in accordance with the fundamental principles of its legal system, to be able to carry out their functions effectively and free from any undue influence and the necessary material means and specialized staff, as well as the training that such staff may require to perform their functions.”
