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Proposals and contributions received from Governments

Argentina, Australia, Austria, France, Mexico, Netherlands, Russian Federation and South Africa:* amendments to article 9

It is proposed to continue work on article 9 on the basis of the following text: ¹

*“Article 9
“Public reporting*

“1. Taking into account the need to combat corruption, States Parties shall, in accordance with fundamental principles of their domestic law, take such measures as may be necessary to ensure transparency in their public administrations, especially with regard to their organization, functioning and decision-making processes.

“2. To that end, States Parties shall:

“(a) Adopt procedures or regulations allowing members of the general public to obtain, where appropriate, information on the organization, functioning and decision-making processes of their public administrations and on decisions and legal acts that concern members of the public;

“(b) Simplify administrative procedures, where appropriate, in order to facilitate public access to the competent decision-making authorities;

* The United States of America also contributed to the drafting of this article.

¹ The text of this proposal is a revised version submitted, pursuant to a request by the Chairman, by France, which coordinated an informal working group.



“(c) Publish periodic reports, including reports on the risks of corruption in their public administrations.”
