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## **Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime**

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Agenda item 3

### **Consideration of the draft rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime**

## **Proposals and contributions received from Governments**

### **Result of the work undertaken by an informal working group coordinated by Canada at the request of the Chairman**

#### **Rule 15: Participation of non-signatories**

1. It is proposed to amend paragraph 1 to read as follows:

“1. Any other State or regional economic integration organization that has not signed the Convention in accordance with its article 36, paragraphs 1 and 2, may apply to the bureau for observer status, which shall be accorded unless otherwise decided by the Conference.”

#### **Rule 16: Participation of entities and international and regional organizations**

2. It is proposed to amend paragraph 2 to read as follows:

“2. Representatives of any other relevant intergovernmental organization may apply to the bureau for observer status, which shall be accorded unless otherwise decided by the Conference.”

#### **Rule 17: Participation of non-governmental organizations**

3. It is proposed to amend paragraph 1 and to insert a new paragraph to read as follows:

“1. Relevant non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations may apply to the bureau for observer status, which shall be accorded unless otherwise decided by the Conference.



“(...) Other relevant non-governmental organizations may apply to the bureau for observer status. The secretariat shall circulate as a document a list of such organizations with sufficient relevant information at least thirty days prior to the Conference. If there is no objection to a non-governmental organization, observer status shall be accorded unless otherwise decided by the Conference. If there is an objection, the matter shall be referred to the Conference for a decision.”

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