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**Consideration of ways and means to achieve the
objectives of the Conference of the States Parties in
accordance with article 63, paragraphs 1 and 4 to 7, of
the United Nations Convention against Corruption**

France: draft decision

Establishment of an intergovernmental group of experts on asset recovery

The Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption,

Recognizing that the return of assets is both one of the main objectives and also a fundamental principle of the United Nations Convention against Corruption,

(a) Stresses the importance for the States parties, whose national authorities are called upon to cooperate more closely in the implementation of the Convention, of exchanging information on the experience they have gained and the solutions they have adopted at the national level with a view to tracing financial flows linked to corruption, seizing assets derived from corruption and returning such assets;

(b) Decides to establish an open-ended, intersessional, intergovernmental group of experts on asset recovery;

(c) Entrusts the group of experts with the task of collecting and analysing all good practices followed in order to strengthen, both at the domestic level and in the framework of mutual legal assistance in criminal matters, mechanisms for locating, freezing, seizing, confiscating and returning the instruments and proceeds of corruption;

(d) Encourages States parties to ensure that they are represented on the open-ended, intersessional, intergovernmental group of experts by central and local authorities and other governmental experts;

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(e) Requests the intergovernmental group of experts to submit a report to the Conference of the States Parties at its second session on good practices and innovative solutions that may usefully be employed in the framework of the technical assistance provided for by the Convention, including, in particular, the development and introduction of specialized computer programs;

(f) Requests the Secretariat, within available resources, to assist the intergovernmental group of experts in fulfilling its functions, in particular by providing it with interpretation services.
