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Addendum

III. Implementation of the mandate on technical assistance of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption

C. Coordination on technical assistance activities

- 1. The results of the International Cooperation Workshop on Technical Assistance for the Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, held in Montevideo from 30 May to 1 June 2007, were welcomed as a valuable contribution to the deliberations of the Working Group and of the Conference. The need to continue and advance the dialogue begun at that workshop was emphasized.
- 2. More specifically, the Working Group felt that the presence and continued involvement of bilateral and multilateral donor agencies were essential for the Conference to perform its mandated tasks.
- 3. It was widely recognized that the need for improved coordination was common to both donor and recipient States, which had distinct but complementary roles to play. Various forms of coordination were mentioned, including South-South coordination and coordination between State and non-State actors. Speakers stressed that, while coordination of anti-corruption efforts was taking place at the national level, there was significant room for improvement at the regional and international levels. In that regard, the Working Group shared the view that efforts should be redoubled to enable existing mechanisms, such as the International Group for Anti-Corruption Coordination and the U4 group, to realize their potential. The same applied to in-country coordination mechanisms, which required an uninterrupted flow of complete and accurate information. In that connection, it was proposed that each State establish a focal point to be responsible for collecting and sharing information on anti-corruption technical assistance received or delivered.

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IV. Conclusions and recommendations

- 4. The Working Group requested the Secretariat to establish an electronic repository of national anti-corruption measures and of legislation implementing the relevant provisions of the Convention for use by practitioners. The repository could include information furnished by international organizations, as well as by States.
- 5. The Working Group recommended that the provisions of the Convention should be fully mainstreamed into the work of multilateral and bilateral donor agencies and other providers of technical assistance. It also recommended that the Secretariat should be involved in the work of in-country coordination mechanisms and share with them the self-assessment checklist and the information derived therefrom, with a view to ensuring that all pertinent information on anti-corruption technical assistance provided or received was used for purposes of better coordination.
- 6. The Working Group recommended that the Secretariat should begin work on the development of a comprehensive software-based information-gathering tool for consideration and approval by the Conference.