



# Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

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### Argentina and Norway: revised draft decision

## Mechanisms to review implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto

*The Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,*

*Reaffirming* that the purpose of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime<sup>1</sup> is to promote cooperation to prevent and combat transnational organized crime more effectively,

*Recalling* article 32 of the Convention, pursuant to which, in particular, the Conference has the responsibility to improve the capacity of States parties and to promote and review the implementation of the Convention, and is to agree, inter alia, upon mechanisms for achieving its objectives,

*Also recalling* articles 30 and 34 of the Convention, which set out the obligations of States parties with respect to the provision of cooperation and technical assistance and to the implementation of the Convention,

*Further recalling* that at its third session the Conference expressed concern, in its decision 3/1, about the low rate of response of States parties to the questionnaires on the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto,<sup>2</sup>

*Taking note with satisfaction* of improved information-gathering efforts since its third session with regard to the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto, particularly the decision of the technical assistance group to develop a user-friendly checklist and the ongoing efforts of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to develop a computer-based self-assessment tool[, and having been informed by the Secretariat of project ideas developed in consultation with interested parties and donors in this regard],

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2225, No. 39574.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, vols. 2237, 2241 and 2326, No. 39574.



*Concerned* about the information contained in the report of the Secretariat on the development of tools to gather information from States on the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and each of the Protocols thereto,<sup>3</sup> which shows persisting gaps in the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols,

*Bearing in mind* that the review of the implementation of the Convention is an ongoing and gradual process, and considering that it is necessary to explore options regarding an appropriate and effective mechanism to assist the Conference in the review of the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto,

*Taking note* of the note by the Secretariat on possible mechanisms to review implementation of the United Nations Convention on Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto,<sup>4</sup> which contains examples of review mechanisms under instruments relevant to the Convention,

1. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to convene at least one open-ended intergovernmental meeting of experts [of parties, signatories, observer States not signatories to the Convention, international organizations and non-governmental organizations], with interpretation, by September 2009, which should present a report to the Conference at its fifth session on mechanisms, as appropriate, for reviewing the implementation of the United Nations Convention on Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocols;<sup>5</sup>

2. *Requests* States parties and States signatories to submit to the Secretariat their comments and views for the purpose of the deliberations of the above-mentioned meeting, and also requests the Secretariat to organize the views and comments received so as to facilitate such deliberations;

3. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to assist interested States parties in assessing their implementation of the provisions of the Convention and the Protocols thereto, and invites interested States parties and financial institutions to provide resources to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund to finance such assistance.

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<sup>3</sup> CTOC/COP/2008/2.

<sup>4</sup> CTOC/COP/2008/3.

<sup>5</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vols. 2225, 2237, 2241 and 2326, No. 39574.