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Addendum

VIII. Other matters

1. At its [...] meeting, on 12 November 2009, the Conference considered a draft decision entitled “Venue for the fourth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption” (CAC/COSP/2009/L.6). Before its adoption, the title of the draft decision was orally revised to read “Venue for the fourth and fifth sessions of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption”.

Special events

2. A number of special events were organized in conjunction with the third session of the Conference, as described below.

Media relations and good practices in anti-corruption awareness-raising campaigns

3. On 10 November 2009, a special event was held to provide anti-corruption practitioners with an opportunity to share experiences on establishing collaborative relationships with the media and good practices in awareness-raising. The focus of the special event, organized by UNODC and the World Bank’s Communication for Governance and Accountability Programme, was on media relations, and two case studies from anti-corruption agencies were presented and discussed. Examples of anti-corruption campaigns waged by Member States and civil society were also presented. Panellists from Transparency International and the United Nations Development Programme contributed to the subsequent discussions.



4. The event highlighted that awareness-raising and educational activities were an integral part of anti-corruption efforts and stressed the importance of identifying successful campaigns and learning from the experience of others. For campaigns to be effective, coalition-building, leadership, mass exposure and public pressure were regarded as key factors. It was emphasized that successful awareness-raising and media engagement required the involvement of stakeholders from the outset, as well as continuous dialogue. The event also stressed the need to engage youth in the fight against corruption and to design educational programmes to meet the aspirations of new generations. The role of the media in contributing to a culture of integrity was highlighted, as was the importance of ensuring integrity within the media and responsible reporting. At the conclusion of the event, reference was made to the need to develop technical assistance tools and identify good practices to assist anti-corruption bodies in developing their media and awareness-raising capacity.

Fostering public-private partnerships in the fight against corruption

5. On 10 November 2009, the Basel Institute on Governance, the International Development Law Organization and the World Economic Forum Partnering Against Corruption Initiative staged a panel discussion to strengthen the business case for fighting corruption.

6. Panellists discussed the reasons behind the increasing engagement of the private sector in the fight against corruption. The event underscored the importance of balancing repressive measures with incentives for the corporate community to uphold the highest standards of integrity. In this regard, panellists regarded the United Nations Convention against Corruption and other relevant instruments as useful tools for striking an optimum balance between government regulation and self-regulation.

IX. Provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Conference

7. At its [...] meeting, on 13 November 2009, the Conference approved the draft provisional agenda for its fourth session (CAC/COSP/2009/L.2), on the understanding that the provisional agenda and proposed organization of work would be finalized by the Secretariat in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Conference.

X. Adoption of the report of the Conference on its third session

8. At its [...] meeting, on 13 November 2009, the Conference adopted the report on its third session (CAC/COSP/2009/L.1 and Add.1-[...]).