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Establishing an open-ended intergovernmental working group to enhance international cooperation

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

Bearing in mind that international cooperation is one of the principal objectives of the United Nations Convention against Corruption¹ and that the States parties to that Convention are obligated to provide each other with the utmost assistance and support in this field,

1. Decides to establish an open-ended intergovernmental working group on international cooperation, in accordance with article 63, paragraph 7, of the United Nations Convention against Corruption² and rule 2 of the rules of procedure of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, as a constant element of the Conference, to advise and assist the Conference in implementing its mandate with respect to extradition and mutual legal assistance;

2. *Also decides* that the working group shall perform the following functions:

(a) Assist the Conference in developing cumulative knowledge in the area of international cooperation;

² Ibid.





^{*} CAC/COSP/2011/1 and Corr.1.

¹ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 2349, No. 42146.

(b) Assist the Conference in encouraging cooperation among relevant existing bilateral, regional and multilateral initiatives and contribute to the implementation of the related provisions of the Convention under the guidance of the Conference;

(c) Facilitate the exchange of experiences among States by identifying challenges and disseminating information on good practices to be followed in order to strengthen capacities both at the national level and within the framework of mutual legal assistance in criminal matters and the extradition of criminals;

(d) Build confidence and encourage cooperation between requesting and requested States by bringing together relevant competent authorities, anti-corruption bodies and practitioners involved in mutual legal assistance and the extradition of criminals;

(e) Assist the Conference in identifying the capacity-building needs of States;

3. *Further decides* that the working group shall meet during the sessions of the Conference and, as appropriate, shall hold at least one intersessional meeting in Vienna within existing resources;

4. *Calls on* States parties and signatory States to designate a central authority and, as appropriate, local authorities and other governmental experts, to participate in the open-ended intergovernmental working group;

5. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to consider innovative solutions to help States to build their capacity to prepare and respond to requests for mutual legal assistance and extradition;

6. *Decides* that the working group shall submit to the Conference reports on all its activities;

7. *Requests* the Secretariat, within existing resources, to assist the working group in the performance of its functions, including by providing interpretation services.