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Facilitating the contribution of non-governmental organizations to the goals of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption

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

Recalling its resolution 3/1 of 13 November 2009, entitled "Review mechanism", in which it adopted the terms of reference of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption,

Recalling that, in accordance with paragraph 42 of the terms of reference, the Implementation Review Group shall be an open-ended intergovernmental group of States parties to the Convention and shall operate under the authority of and report to the Conference,

Bearing in mind that, in accordance with paragraph 44 of the terms of reference, the functions of the Implementation Review Group shall be to have an overview of the review process in order to identify challenges and good practices and to consider technical assistance requirements in order to ensure effective implementation of the Convention, and on the basis of its deliberations, the Implementation Review Group shall submit recommendations and conclusions to the Conference for its consideration and approval,

Taking into consideration rule 2, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure for the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, according to which the rules of procedure shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the Mechanism, and recognizing the need to benefit from contributions by non-governmental organizations to the achievement of the goals of the Mechanism,

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Decides to apply the following:

(a) Briefing sessions shall be conducted with a view to informing relevant non-governmental organizations of the work of the Implementation Review Group in the identification of technical assistance needs and thereby facilitate, inter alia, their effective participation in the plenary meetings of the Conference;

(b) Unless otherwise decided by the Implementation Review Group by consensus, such briefing sessions shall be conducted by the secretariat:

(i) One day after the final day of the resumed session of the Implementation Review Group;

(ii) On the basis of the Implementation Review Group reports, thematic implementation reports and regional supplementary addenda;

(iii) In all official languages of the United Nations, subject to the availability of resources and without prejudice to resource requirements of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption;

(c) No specific country situation shall be mentioned or discussed during briefing sessions;

(d) The secretariat may invite to such briefing sessions any non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that, in accordance with rule 17, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure for the Conference, have applied to the bureau for observer status at the next session of the Conference;

(e) The secretariat may also invite to such briefing sessions any other relevant non-governmental organizations that, in accordance with rule 17, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure for the Conference, have applied to the bureau for observer status at the next session of the Conference and are to be included on the list of such organizations to be circulated by the secretariat prior to the next session of the Conference;

(f) If there is any objection to according observer status to a non-governmental organization, the non-governmental organization may not be invited to the briefing session;

(g) Non-governmental organizations willing to attend a briefing session shall confirm their attendance no later than ten days prior to the date of the briefing session, at which time they will be provided access to conference documents and allowed to provide comments in writing;

(h) The briefing sessions shall be open to representatives of Member States;

(i) Non-governmental organizations are encouraged to report to the Conference and/or the Implementation Review Group, as appropriate, individually or collectively, on their activities and contributions to the implementation of the recommendations and conclusions of the Implementation Review Group approved by the Conference, paying special attention to meeting the technical assistance needs and advancing capacity to effectively implement the Convention.