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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”, by which it adopted the terms of reference of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption,

Also 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 United Nations Convention against Corruption¹ 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 address the issue of participation of signatories, non-signatories, entities and governmental organizations in the sessions of the Implementation Review Group,

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



Decides to apply the following rules:

Rule 1
Signatories

(a) Subject to prior written notification to the Secretary-General, any State or regional economic integration organization signatory to the United Nations Convention against Corruption,¹ in accordance with its article 67, paragraphs 1 and 2, shall be entitled to participate in the Implementation Review Group;

(b) Without taking part in the adoption of decisions on substantive and procedural matters, such signatories may:

- (i) Attend meetings of the Group;
- (ii) Deliver statements at such meetings at the invitation of the Chair of the Group;
- (iii) Receive the documents of the Group;
- (iv) Submit their views in writing to the Group;

(c) A State signatory to the Convention that participates in the Mechanism as a State under review on a voluntary basis in accordance with paragraph 59 of the terms of reference, in addition to the procedural rights provided for in paragraphs 3 (a) to (d) of the terms of reference, shall be entitled:

- (i) To deliver statements at the meetings of the Group;
- (ii) To participate in the deliberative process of the meetings of the Group;

Rule 2
Entities and intergovernmental organizations

(d) Subject to prior written notification to the Secretary-General and to provisions of paragraphs (f), (g) and (h) below, representatives of entities and intergovernmental organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate as observers in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices, representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and funds, and representatives of functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council may be invited to participate in the meetings of the Implementation Review Group;

(e) Without taking part in the adoption of decisions on substantive and procedural matters, such entities and organizations may:

- (i) Attend plenary sessions of the Group;
- (ii) Deliver statements at such sessions at the invitation of the Chair of the Group and in consultation with the bureau;
- (iii) Receive the documents of the Group;
- (iv) Submit their views in writing to the Group;

(f) For the purposes of paragraphs (d) and (e) above, the Conference requests the Secretary-General to circulate a letter to entities and intergovernmental organizations asking them:

(i) To consider, and to communicate to the Secretary-General in writing, whether or not they are willing to participate in the meetings of the Group, paying due regard to their respective mandates and to the functions of the Group, as defined in paragraph 44 of the terms of reference;

(ii) To provide information on issues with regard to which, and on ways and means by which, they intend to contribute to the effective work of the Mechanism, especially through the provision of support and assistance in implementation of the recommendations and conclusions of the Group to be adopted by the Conference;

(g) The Secretariat shall compile the information contained in the communications of relevant entities and intergovernmental organizations and submit it to the Group;

(h) The Group is hereby mandated, on the basis of the information submitted by the Secretariat in accordance with paragraph (g) above, to decide by consensus and, where appropriate, to update the list of entities and intergovernmental organizations to be invited to participate in the sessions of the Group;

Rule 3

Non-signatories

(i) A State or regional economic integration organization that has not signed the Convention in accordance with its article 67, paragraphs 1 and 2, may apply to the bureau for observer status, provided that such a State or regional economic integration organization has, through the Secretariat, notified the Implementation Review Group about its plans or decision to ratify, accept, approve or accede to the Convention in accordance with its article 67, paragraphs 3 and 4;

(j) When notifying the Group, the regional economic integration organization shall provide the information mentioned in rule 2, paragraph (f), subparagraphs (i) and (ii) above;

(k) Without taking part in the adoption of decisions on substantive and procedural matters, such non-signatory States and regional economic integration organizations may:

(i) Attend plenary sessions of the Implementation Review Group;

(ii) Deliver statements at such sessions at the invitation of the Chair of the Group and in consultation with the bureau;

(iii) Receive the documents of the Group;

(iv) Submit their views in writing to the Group.