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(Intersessional meeting of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention

against Corruption on the achievements of the political declaration)

The secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption presents its compliments to the [...] and has the honour to draw the attention of the Government to the political declaration, entitled "Our common commitment to effectively addressing challenges and implementing measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation" (General Assembly resolution S-32/1), in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, invited the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention, as the treaty body with prime responsibility for promoting and reviewing the implementation of the Convention, to follow up and build on the declaration. Furthermore, in its resolution 9/2, the Conference decided to hold, within existing resources and with interpretation in all the official languages of the United Nations, preferably in 2022 and prior to the tenth session of the Conference, one follow-up intersessional meeting of the Conference on the achievements of the political declaration.

Accordingly, the Government is invited to participate in the intersessional meeting of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption on the achievements of the political declaration adopted by the special session of the General Assembly (UNGASS) against corruption, to be held in Boardroom B/M1, M-Building, Vienna International Centre, Vienna, Austria, from 5 to 8 September (morning) 2022.

The draft agenda for the meeting (enclosed annex) reflects the outcome of informal consultations held on 13 April and 9 May 2022. Documentation and other information regarding the meeting will be available electronically on the web pages of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime at:

http://ungass2021.org or http://myconference.unov.org

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Subject to developments relating to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, it is currently planned that the session will be held in person. While registered delegates will be able to observe the proceedings online through the Interprefy platform, there will be only very limited opportunities to deliver statements remotely. To facilitate the work of the interpreters, during each three-hour meeting, only 30 minutes will be allotted to statements delivered remotely by online participants. To avoid technical problems, the Government is encouraged, to the degree possible, to ensure that the statements are delivered by the representatives present in the meeting room.

Arrangements have also been made to allow for pre-recorded video statements. Such pre-recorded video statements will not be counted towards the 30-minute limit for online participation per meeting, but, in line with a decision by the President of the Conference, must be limited to three minutes to ensure that all delegations will have an opportunity to contribute to the discussions. All pre-recorded video statements, including transcript, should be submitted by 26 August 2022.

Delegations are also encouraged to provide copies of general national statements in written format for posting on a dedicated space on the website of the session and to adhere to the recommendations for the submission of pre-recorded statements available on the website of the meeting. Pre-recorded video statements (including transcript) or written statements should be submitted via email to uncac@un.org and unov.conference@un.org, including a subject line in the following format "ISM UNCAC COSP National statement – [country name] [agenda item number]".

The INDICO registration system will be used for the registration of delegates for participation. The registration for the session is open and accessible through the following link:

https://www.unodc.org/unodc/corruption/registration/september-2022-uncac-meetings/

The Government is hereby informed that an official note verbale must be uploaded in the INDICO system, together with the mandatory details for each delegate (name, title, individual email address, in-person or online participation). Registration requests will be approved by the secretariat only after being cross-checked against the official note verbale uploaded in INDICO. The Government is kindly requested to share the note verbale with the nominated delegates to enable them to complete the registration process as soon as possible and not later than 29 August 2022 and to observe the deadline in order for the secretariat to finalize all the necessary technical preparations for the meeting. Regretfully, the secretariat will not be able to accommodate requests for registration after that date.

The secretariat will continue to monitor the situation related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will provide timely updates to registered participants and on the website of the session with respect to any necessary changes to the above arrangements and possible restrictions affecting access to the Vienna International Centre.