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 General Assembly resolution 73/191 entitled “Special session of the General Assembly against corruption”, inter alia, decided to convene in the first half of 2021 a special session of the General Assembly on challenges and measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation and invites the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption to lead the preparatory process for the special session by addressing all organizational and substantive matters in an open-ended manner.

Moreover, in accordance with the draft resolution entitled “Special session of the General Assembly against corruption”, which was approved by the Conference at its eighth session in December 2019 for subsequent adoption by the General Assembly, the Assembly would reiterate the importance of an inclusive preparatory process for the special session, including extensive substantive consultations, and invite the Conference of the States Parties to hold up to three intersessional meetings, as required, to advance such consultations.

Accordingly, the Government is invited to participate in the first intersessional meeting of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption on the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly against corruption (UNGASS), which will be held on 22 and 23 June 2020, in a virtual format, and will consist of two two-hour meetings per day (the exact times and technical parameters for the session will be communicated at a later stage through the website of the Conference as well as on the website www.ungass2021.org). The session was rescheduled from the original dates, which were 11 and 12 June 2020, following the recommendation of the Bureau of the Conference (the provisional agenda for the meeting is contained in the Annex).
In accordance with the workplan for subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, which was adopted by the Conference at its eighth session held in December 2019, the thematic focus of this intersessional meeting will be on prevention and law enforcement and criminalization.

Additional information on and documentation, as appropriate, for all the intersessional meetings of the Conference on the preparations for the special session will be made available at the following webpage: www.ungass2021.org

It would be appreciated if the names, title(s) and contact details (including individual email addresses, which will be used to grant and verify access to the meeting), of the persons constituting the State party’s delegation could be sent as soon as possible directly to the Secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, P.O. Box 500, 1400 Vienna, Austria, Fax: +43 1 26060 5841; or an advance scanned copy to e-mail: uncac@un.org not later than 15 June 2020. Governments are kindly requested to observe the deadline in order to enable the Secretariat to finalize all the necessary technical preparations for the meeting. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the […] the assurances of its highest considerations.

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Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda
2. Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly against corruption in 2021
   (a) Status of the preparations for the special session
   (b) General discussion
   (c) Panel on challenges and approaches to the prevention of corruption during times of crisis
   (d) Panel on ending impunity by effectively combatting corruption
3. Closure of the meeting