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Vienna, 17–21 February 2025

Annotated provisional agenda

Provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Organizational matters

(a) Opening of the session

The sixteenth session of the Implementation Review Group will be opened on Monday, 17 February 2025, at 10 a.m., at the Vienna International Centre, M-Building, Boardroom B/M1. The session will be held in person.

¹ This item will be discussed at the first resumed sixteenth session of the Implementation Review Group, to be held from 16 to 20 June 2025.



(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

In its resolution 8/2, the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption requested the Implementation Review Group to continue to hold regular sessions at least once a year, based on an annotated provisional agenda and programme of work issued as early as possible in order to enable the States parties to plan the composition of the delegations and prepare for focused and efficient discussions on the main topics of the session, and, while taking into consideration the directions of the Conference, being able to adjust topics of discussion to maximize the effectiveness of its discussions and work outcomes, subject to the availability of existing resources. Moreover, in its decision 10/2, the Conference decided that the Implementation Review Group should dedicate the time necessary to continue its discussions on assessing the performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

The proposed organization of work for the sixteenth session (see annex) was prepared in line with the guidance contained in the workplan for the subsidiary bodies of the Conference for the period 2024–2025. The proposed organization of work was also prepared in line with the workplan for the implementation of Conference decision 10/2 on the further extension of the second cycle of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption ([CAC/COSP/IRG/2024/2](#), sect. II).

The thematic focus of the sixteenth session will be on the next phase of the Implementation Review Mechanism. Item 3, on financial and budgetary matters, will be discussed at the first resumed sixteenth session of the Implementation Review Group, to be held from 16 to 20 June 2025.

2. Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption*Drawing of lots*

On 17 February 2025, lots may be drawn for the purpose of selecting the reviewing States parties for any States parties requesting redraws.

Progress made in the conduct of country reviews

In its decision 5/1, the Conference of the States Parties decided that the Implementation Review Group should include in its future sessions an agenda item allowing for discussion of relevant information collected, with the support of the secretariat, in order to facilitate the assessment of the performance of the Implementation Review Mechanism, in accordance with paragraph 48 of the terms of reference of the Mechanism, following the completion of the first review cycle.

In its resolution 8/2, the Conference, inter alia, requested the Implementation Review Group to continue to collect, with the support of the secretariat, relevant information, including the views of States parties, pertaining to the performance of the Implementation Review Mechanism, with a view to continuing, at the appropriate time, its assessment of the performance of the Mechanism, as provided for in paragraph 48 of its terms of reference and Conference decision 5/1. The Conference also requested the secretariat to continue to provide to the Implementation Review Group analyses of the time frames associated with the crucial stages of the review process, including statistics on the number of States parties that are behind schedule, with the aim of facilitating a more efficient process.

In response to the delays incurred during the second cycle of the Implementation Review Mechanism, in its decision 8/1, the Conference extended the duration of the second cycle until June 2024 to allow for the completion of country reviews and called upon States parties to accelerate the completion of the second cycle.

Subsequently, in its decision 10/2, the Conference decided to extend the duration of the second cycle until June 2026 and called upon States parties to remain engaged in the review process and to accelerate the completion of the second cycle, with a view to completing at least 70 per cent of reviews of States parties by June 2026 without prejudice to the quality of those country reviews.

The secretariat has been compiling and analysing information relating to the overall performance of the Implementation Review Mechanism during the first and second review cycles, including the responses received to the self-assessment checklist, the direct dialogues conducted, the executive summaries and country review reports that have been finalized and the country review reports that have been made available on the website of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. The secretariat will provide an oral update on the performance of the Mechanism during the sixteenth session.

A panel discussion on the impact of the Implementation Review Mechanism will be organized under this item to mark the Mechanism's fifteenth anniversary.

Next phase of the Implementation Review Mechanism

In the political declaration entitled "Our common commitment to effectively addressing challenges and implementing measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation", adopted by the General Assembly at its special session against corruption held in 2021, Member States, inter alia, committed to fully and effectively following up on the conclusions and observations from the review process and welcomed the efforts by the Conference to assess the performance of the Implementation Review Mechanism and adapt, where appropriate, procedures and requirements for the follow-up.

In its decision 10/2, the Conference decided that the Implementation Review Group should dedicate the time necessary to continue its discussions on assessing the performance of the Implementation Review Mechanism, as well as on the scope, thematic sequence and details of the next review phase, including through additional resumed sessions of the Group, if possible back to back with sessions of the Group, within existing resources or subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, to submit recommendations to the Conference at its eleventh session in this regard and to endeavour to launch the next phase as soon as possible.

At its second resumed fifteenth session, the Implementation Review Group requested the secretariat to prepare a document summarizing the views expressed during the sessions of the Group to date in relation to the next phase of the Mechanism and outlining options in that regard, for the consideration of the Group at its sixteenth session. The secretariat was requested to ensure that the document reflected all the views expressed in a balanced and impartial manner and to make the document available in all the official languages of the United Nations in advance of the next session of the Group. Accordingly, the Group will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing a summary of views and an outline of options and modalities in relation to the next phase of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption ([CAC/COSP/IRG/2025/2](#)). Under this agenda item, delegations will be invited to share their views on the options relating to the next phase of the Mechanism presented in the note.

Moreover, at the second resumed fifteenth session of the Group, the secretariat was requested to prepare an explanatory note detailing the approach for determining when country reviews are completed on the basis of finalized executive summaries or country review reports in connection with the implementation of Conference decision 10/2. Accordingly, a conference room paper containing an explanatory note on determining the status of completion of country reviews within the framework of the Implementation Review Mechanism in connection with the implementation of Conference decision 10/2 will be made available to the Group at its sixteenth session ([CAC/COSP/IRG/2025/CRP.1](#)).

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing a summary of views and an outline of options and modalities in relation to the next phase of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption ([CAC/COSP/IRG/2025/2](#))

4. State of implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption

Under agenda item 4, the completed executive summaries will be made available to the Implementation Review Group. Given that the focus of the session will be on the next phase of the Implementation Review Mechanism, delegations will not be invited to take the floor under this item. As new executive summaries may become available, delegations are invited to regularly check the web page of the sixteenth session of the Implementation Review Group. Item 4 will be discussed during the first resumed sixteenth session of the Group, to be held from 16 to 20 June 2025.

Documentation

Executive summaries of country review reports ([CAC/COSP/IRG/II/2/1/Add.37](#); [CAC/COSP/IRG/II/3/1/Add.17](#); [CAC/COSP/IRG/II/4/1/Add.14](#); [CAC/COSP/IRG/II/5/1/Add.6](#); [CAC/COSP/IRG/II/5/1/Add.7](#); [CAC/COSP/IRG/II/5/1/Add.8](#))

5. Technical assistance

In its resolution 8/8, the Conference encouraged States parties to, inter alia, address the needs identified during their country reviews and to promote national anti-corruption strategies and/or action plans as a tool for country-led and country-based, integrated and coordinated technical assistance programming and delivery. Moreover, in its resolution 9/4, the Conference called upon States parties to acknowledge the importance of promoting, facilitating and supporting timely, sustainable, adequate and effective technical assistance for strengthening national capacities to prevent and fight corruption and called for accelerated action at all levels and by all technical assistance providers in addressing such needs, upon request, including those identified through the Implementation Review Mechanism, by mobilizing sufficient financial assistance, technical support and other resources, as stated in paragraph 53 of the political declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its special session against corruption held in 2021.

Furthermore, in its decision 10/2, the Conference requested the Implementation Review Group to continue to address the technical assistance priorities identified in the country reviews, and invited technical assistance providers to consider those priorities for incorporation into either new or ongoing technical assistance programmes for developing countries, upon request.

A panel discussion on the role of regional platforms in following up on outcomes of country reviews in the framework of the Mechanism and on enhancing technical assistance during the next phase will be organized in order to facilitate deliberations under this agenda item.

6. Other matters

Under agenda item 6, the Implementation Review Group may wish to discuss any other matters.

7. Provisional agenda for the seventeenth session of the Implementation Review Group

The Implementation Review Group is to consider and approve, at its sixteenth session, a provisional agenda for its seventeenth session, which will be drafted by the secretariat in consultation with the Chair.

8. Adoption of the report of the Implementation Review Group on its sixteenth session

The Implementation Review Group is to adopt a report on its sixteenth session, the draft of which is to be prepared by the secretariat.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Monday, 17 February 2025		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	1 (a)	Opening of the session
	1 (b)	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	2	Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption <i>Drawing of lots</i> <i>Performance of the Mechanism</i>
3–6 p.m.	2	Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (<i>continued</i>) <i>Next phase of the Mechanism</i>
Tuesday, 18 February 2025		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	2	Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (<i>continued</i>) <i>Next phase of the Mechanism</i>
3–6 p.m.	2	Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (<i>continued</i>) <i>Next phase of the Mechanism</i>
Wednesday, 19 February 2025		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	2	Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (<i>continued</i>) <i>Next phase of the Mechanism</i>
3–6 p.m.	2	Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (<i>continued</i>) <i>Next phase of the Mechanism</i>
Thursday, 20 February 2025		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	2	Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (<i>continued</i>) <i>Next phase of the Mechanism</i>
3–6 p.m.	5	Technical assistance
Friday, 21 February 2025		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	5	Technical assistance (<i>continued</i>)
	6	Other matters
	7	Provisional agenda for the seventeenth session of the Implementation Review Group
3–6 p.m.	8	Adoption of the report of the Implementation Review Group on its sixteenth session