



# Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

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## Intergovernmental expert group established in accordance with Conference resolution 9/1

Vienna, 9–11 October 2019

### Annotated provisional agenda

#### Provisional agenda

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4. Other matters.
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#### Annotations

##### 1. Organizational matters

###### (a) Opening of the meeting

The meeting of the intergovernmental expert group established in accordance with Conference resolution 9/1 will be opened on Wednesday, 9 October 2019, at 10 a.m.

###### (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

In its resolution 9/1, entitled “Establishment of the Mechanism for the Review of the Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto”, the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to convene, within existing resources, at least one meeting of an open-ended intergovernmental expert group for the purpose of finalizing and harmonizing, as necessary, the self-assessment questionnaires and preparing the guidelines for conducting the country reviews and a blueprint for the lists of observations and the summaries, referred to in the annex to resolution 9/1. The outcome of the work of the intergovernmental expert group is to be submitted to the Conference for its consideration at its tenth session.



In the same resolution, the Conference invited the President of the Conference, with the support of the Bureau, to facilitate the work of the intergovernmental expert group through informal consultations. On 4 December 2018, the President of the Conference invited regional groups to submit nominations for the Chair of the meeting of the intergovernmental expert group established in accordance with Conference resolution 9/1. At its meeting on 13 December 2018, the extended Bureau of the Conference endorsed the nomination of Renaud Sorieul (France) as Chair of the intergovernmental expert group.

At its meeting on 5 February 2019, the extended Bureau of the Conference agreed that the meeting of the intergovernmental expert group would be held in Vienna from 9 to 11 October 2019. Moreover, on 19 July 2019, the extended Bureau agreed, using the silence procedure, on the provisional agenda for the meeting of the group.

The proposed organization of work (see annex) was prepared in accordance with Conference resolution 9/1 in order to enable the intergovernmental expert group to perform its mandated functions within the time frame and according to the conference services available to it. The available resources will permit the holding of five plenary meetings over two and a half days, with interpretation into the six official languages of the United Nations.

## **2. Consideration of the guidelines for conducting the country reviews and of the blueprint for the lists of observations emanating from the country reviews**

In its resolution 9/1, the Conference, inter alia, requested the Secretariat to support the process of facilitating the work of the open-ended intergovernmental expert group through informal consultations, including by preparing a draft of the guidelines and the blueprints, for consideration by the group.

In accordance with that request, the Secretariat prepared a draft of the guidelines and the blueprints, which has been the subject of informal consultations among Member States, led by the Chair of the intergovernmental expert group.

For its consideration of agenda item 2, the intergovernmental expert group will have before it a document containing the draft of the guidelines and the blueprints (CTOC/COP/WG.10/2019/2).

### *Documentation*

Note by the Secretariat entitled “Mechanism for the Review of the Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto: draft guidelines for conducting the country reviews and blueprints for the lists of observations and the summaries” (CTOC/COP/WG.10/2019/2)

## **3. Finalization and harmonization of the self-assessment questionnaires for the review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto**

Also in its resolution 9/1, the Conference took note with appreciation of the progress made by the working groups of the Conference in the definition of the self-assessment questionnaires for the review of the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto, as mandated by the Conference in its resolution 8/2 of 21 October 2016.

The draft self-assessment questionnaires have been the subject of informal consultations among Member States, led by the Chair of the intergovernmental expert group, with the support of the Group of Friends of the Chair.<sup>1</sup>

For its consideration of agenda item 3, the intergovernmental expert group will have before it the draft self-assessment questionnaires for the Organized Crime Convention

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<sup>1</sup> The Group of Friends of the Chair is made up of the delegations of France, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Japan, the Russian Federation, the United States of America and the European Union.

and for the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.

*Documentation*

Draft self-assessment questionnaire for the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (CTOC/COP/WG.10/2019/3)

Draft self-assessment questionnaire for the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (CTOC/COP/WG.10/2019/4)

**4. Other matters**

As no issues to be raised under agenda item 4 have come to the attention of the Secretariat, no documentation regarding the item is currently foreseen.

**5. Adoption of the report**

Under agenda item 5, a report on the meeting will be adopted.

## Annex

## Proposed organization of work

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
<b>Wednesday, 9 October</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	1 (a)	Opening of the meeting
	1 (b)	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	2	Consideration of the guidelines for conducting the country reviews and of the blueprint for the lists of observations emanating from the country reviews
3–6 p.m.	2	Consideration of the guidelines for conducting the country reviews and of the blueprint for the lists of observations emanating from the country reviews ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Thursday, 10 October</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	3	Finalization and harmonization of the self-assessment questionnaires for the review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto
3–6 p.m.	3	Finalization and harmonization of the self-assessment questionnaires for the review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Friday, 11 October</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	4	Other matters
	5	Adoption of the report