The United Nations Convention against Corruption and Its Review Mechanism
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Adopted by the General Assembly: Resolution 58/4, 31 October 2003
Entry into Force: 14 December 2005
The Conference of the States Parties

Promote, Facilitate & Review Implementation

Make recommendations

Facilitate Information Exchange

CoSP 1
Dec 2006
Jordan

CoSP 2
Jan 2008
Indonesia

CoSP 3
Nov. 2009
Qatar

CoSP 4
Oct. 2011
Morocco

CoSP 5
Nov. 2013
Panama

CoSP 6
Nov. 2015
Russian Federation
Documents for the Review Mechanism

• UNCAC
• COSP resolutions
• Terms of Reference of the Review Mechanism
• Guidelines for Governmental experts and the Secretariat
• Blueprint for country review reports and executive summaries
• Guidance document for filling in self-assessment checklist

Executive Summaries and other documents available on UNODC Website:
Overview of the Terms of Reference

- Peer review process
- Drawing of lots for each year of the review cycle
- One phase = two cycles of five years (2010-2015; 2016-2021)
  - First cycle: Chapters III (Criminalization and law enforcement); and IV (International cooperation)
  - Second cycle: Chapters II (Preventive measures); and V (Asset recovery)
Guiding principles

- Non adversarial/ non punitive/ no rankings
- Opportunity to share good practices and challenges
- Assist States in implementing the Convention
- Balanced geographical approach
- Technical/ Intergovernmental nature
- Complement existing review mechanisms
- Diversity of legal systems and levels of development
- Confidentiality
Phases of the Review

1) Self-assessment
2) Desk review
3) Dialogue between State under review and reviewing States
4) Direct dialogue (country visit or joint meeting)
5) Final review report and executive summary

What is the timeframe?
Role of the Secretariat
Module schedule for country reviews – Start: 4 July 2016

### Within 3 weeks (25 July)
State under review nominates focal point

**Deadline for reviewing expert nominations:** 18 July

### Within 1 month (4 August)
Secretariat organizes tele/videoconference:
- Submission of SACL
- Language of review
- Division of labour
- Active dialogue

### Within 2 months (4 September)
State under review submits self-assessment

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**Within 1 month** (4 October)

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**Within 1 month** (4 November)

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**Preferably within 5 months** (4 December)
Secretariat circulates checklist to reviewing experts, after translation

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### Dialogue: up to 2 months (until 4 January 2017)
State under review organizes direct dialogue, facilitated by secretariat (joint meeting or country visit)

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### Within 6 months (4 January 2017)
Reviewers prepare draft country report assisted by secretariat, State under review agrees to final report, executive summary is prepared

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**End of review**
Blueprint of country review reports

(a) Summary of information relevant to reviewing the implementation of the article

(b) Observations on the implementation of the article

(c) Successes and good practices

(d) Challenges, where applicable

(e) Technical assistance needs
Looking forward

First cycle: moving towards completion
• 137 executive summaries now completed and available
• More nearing finalization

Second cycle: Prevention and Asset Recovery
• Launch of 2\textsuperscript{nd} cycle with drawing of lots at IRG7 – start: 4 July 2016
• Development of expertise and good practices in these areas
• Lessons learned from first cycle
Impact of the Review Mechanism

- Legislative reform: before and after review
- Increased domestic coordination and dialogue
- Opportunity for capacity-building
- Sharing of experiences and good practices with reviewing and reviewed States
- Action plan: prioritization of country-owned technical assistance needs
- Donor roundtables and donor coordination platforms
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