

# The United Nations Convention against Corruption and Its Review Mechanism



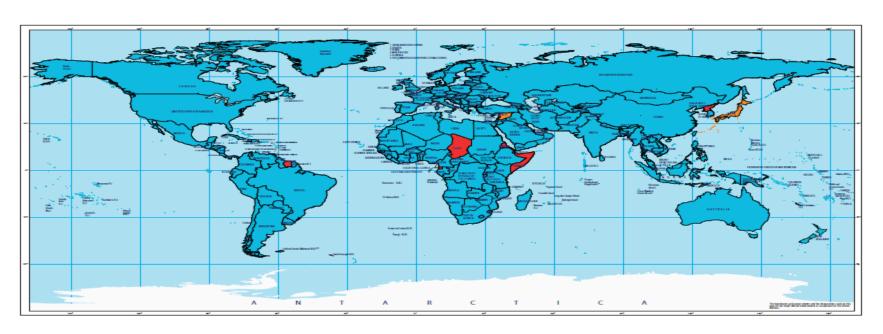


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Adopted by the General Assembly: Resolution 58/4, 31 October 2003 Entry into Force: 14 December 2005

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### **UNCAC Signature and Ratification Status**



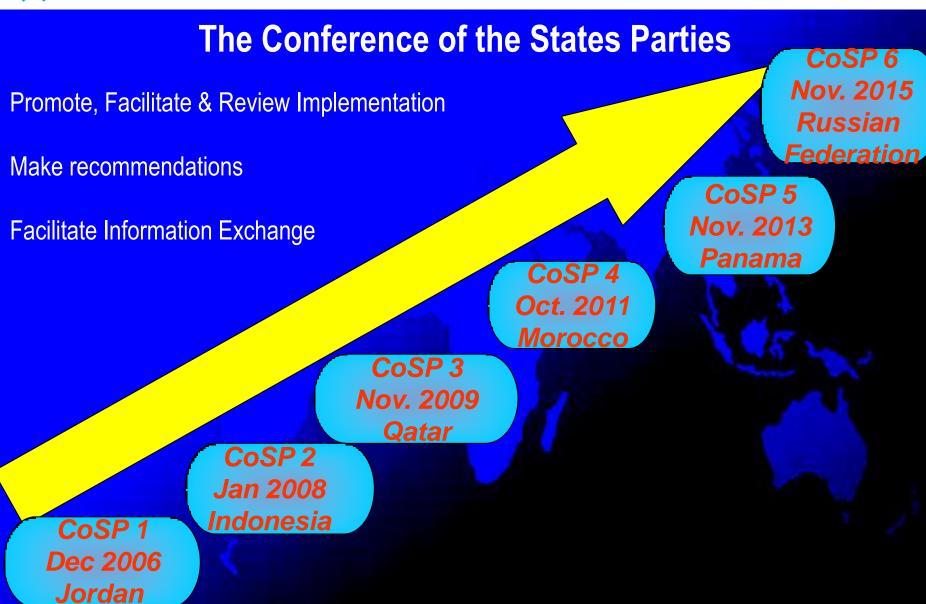
States Parties
Signatories

Countries that have not signed or ratified the UNCAC

Signatories: 140

Parties: 181

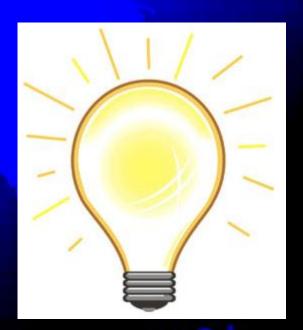






# **Documents for the Review Mechanism**

- 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: <a href="http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/treaties/CAC/country-profile/index.html">http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/treaties/CAC/country-profile/index.html</a>



# **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)

Preferably within
5 months
(4 December)

State under review submits self-assessment

Within 1 month (4 October)

Secretariat circulates checklist to reviewing experts, after translation

Within 1 month (4 November)

Reviewing experts submit outcome of the desk review

Dialogue: up to 2 months (until 4 January 2017) Secretariat organizes tele/video conference to introduce outcome of the desk review

State under review organizes direct dialogue, facilitated by secretariat (joint meeting or country visit)

Reviewers prepare draft country report assisted by secretariat, State under review agrees to final report, executive summary is prepared

Within 6 months

(4 January 2017)



# **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

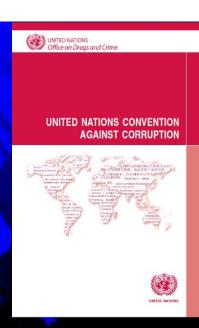




# **Looking forward**

# First cycle: moving towards completion

- 137 executive summaries now completed and available
- More nearing finalization



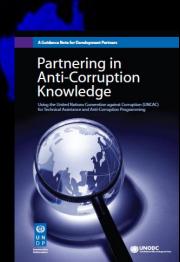
# Second cycle: Prevention and Asset Recovery

- Launch of 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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