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Draft report

Addendum

VI. Conclusions and recommendations

1. The eighth expert meeting reemphasized the importance of States parties providing to each other the greatest possible extent of assistance in the investigation and prosecution of corruption offences and enhancing the efficiency of international cooperation by endeavouring to simplify relevant procedures, in accordance with domestic law.
2. The eighth expert meeting reaffirmed the recommendations made by the third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh expert meetings (see CAC/COSP/EG.1/2014/3, CAC/COSP/EG.1/2015/3, CAC/COSP/EG.1/2016/2; CAC/COSP/EG.1/2017/3; CAC/COSP/EG.1/2018/4).
3. Furthermore, the eighth expert meeting agreed on the following recommendations:
 - (a) States parties are encouraged to continue to provide to the Secretariat information on challenges and good practices in international cooperation and other topics outlined in the Conference's resolutions and the recommendations of the expert meetings, with a view to the Secretariat continuing its analytical work with regard to challenges in international cooperation based on the Convention and relevant to the implementation of its chapter IV;
 - (b) States parties are encouraged to share information on their legal requirements for international cooperation as well as statistical information and examples relevant to international cooperation in transnational corruption cases;
 - (c) States parties are encouraged to give priority consideration to international cooperation requests based on the Convention and endeavour to simplify relevant procedures, consistent with domestic law, and to take appropriate steps to ensure that dual criminality is not an obstacle to international cooperation where the underlying conduct is criminalized in both requesting and requested States parties;
 - (d) States parties are encouraged to proactively share information between each other on transnational corruption cases and more actively use law enforcement



cooperation channels and networks as well as asset recovery practitioners' networks and joint investigation teams, particularly, before submitting formal mutual legal assistance requests;

(e) States parties are encouraged to enhance direct communication between central and other competent authorities in charge of international cooperation, including through the development of good practices and by ensuring that relevant contact information and requirements applicable to incoming mutual legal assistance requests are made available and regularly updated;

(f) The Secretariat is requested to organize an expert panel discussion on extradition and mutual legal assistance cases based on the Convention and relevant challenges and good practices;

(g) The Secretariat should continue its efforts to ensure synergies between the work of the open-ended intergovernmental expert meetings to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption and the work of the Working Group on International Cooperation established by the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and explore further ways to use available resources in the most effective way by taking into account the need to streamline the work of both forums and differences and similarities in their mandates.

VII. Adoption of the report

(h) On 31 May 2019, the meeting of experts adopted the report on its eighth session (CAC/COSP/EG.1/2019/L.1, CAC/COSP/EG.1/2019/L.1/Add.1, CAC/COSP/EG.1/2019/L.1/Add.2 and CAC/COSP/EG.1/2019/L.1/Add.3).