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The secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (the "Convention") presents its compliments to the [[[AddressLine1]]] [[[toUNOV]]] and has the honour to draw the attention of the Government to resolution 9/6, entitled "Follow-up to the Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption" and resolution 9/8, entitled "Promoting anti-corruption education, awareness-raising and training", which were adopted by the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention at its ninth session, held in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, from 13 to 17 December 2021.

In paragraph 15 of resolution 9/8, the Conference requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to continue its efforts to promote anti-corruption training and educational programmes and e-learning projects as well as to further develop its knowledge products for the public and private sectors. In paragraph 27 of resolution 9/6, the Conference further encouraged States parties, with the assistance of the secretariat and in collaboration with relevant regional and international organizations, where appropriate, to continue strengthening public-private partnerships in the prevention of and the fight against corruption by, inter alia, facilitating the adoption of domestic legislation or regulations implementing article 12 of the Convention, organizing opportunities for the exchange of relevant experience and good practices in this field and raising awareness of the principles of the Convention within the private sector.

Moreover, 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, States parties committed to taking measures to prevent corruption involving the private sector and set and communicate high standards regarding anti-corruption policies, encouraging anti-corruption and anti-bribery compliance efforts in all enterprises and encouraging the private sector to take collective action in this regard, including through the establishment of public-private partnerships in the prevention of and fight against corruption.

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In line with the above resolutions, as well as previous Conference resolutions which focus on the role of the private sector and public-private partnerships, including inter alia resolutions 5/6 and 6/5, the Government is invited to provide information regarding good practices, practical examples and lessons learned from engaging the private sector and using sanctions and incentives to strengthen business integrity in the last decade.

To facilitate this process, the Government may wish to provide the requisite information by completing the questionnaire contained in Annex I. The questionnaire has been prepared with the aim of facilitating the collection of data which will be used to update the 2013 UNODC publication, entitled "A Resource Guide on State Measures for Strengthening Corporate Integrity" (English - Russian - Spanish) and develop an e-learning tool that will further support States' efforts to strengthen business integrity. The secretariat remains available for any assistance that the Government may require in completing the questionnaire.

Unless a State party requests otherwise when providing the relevant information, the secretariat may make the submissions publicly available, including through the UNODC Business Integrity Portal.

To facilitate the process of providing information, the Government may wish to complete the online questionnaire (English only). Alternatively, the Government may wish to submit the questionnaire to the secretariat by email to florian.lair@un.org and sabrina.dandrea@un.org at its earliest convenience but no later than 31 October 2022.

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