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### Technical assistance

#### **Fiji, Guatemala, Haiti, Mauritius and Nauru: revised draft resolution**

#### **Strengthening the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption in small island developing States**

*The Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption,*

*Welcoming* the entry into force on 14 December 2005 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption,<sup>1</sup>

*Highlighting* that the fight against corruption is a priority for the international community, including small island developing States,

*Recognizing* that small island developing States have specific contextual characteristics that require tailored technical assistance and affordable and sustainable anti-corruption reform,

*Taking note* of the conference communiqué of the Global Conference on Anti-Corruption Reform in Small Island States, held in Pointe aux Piments, Mauritius, from 17 to 21 August 2015, entitled the Mauritius Communiqué,<sup>2</sup> in which participants recommended that the concerns of small island developing States be reflected in a resolution to be adopted at the sixth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption,

*Recalling* the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway,<sup>3</sup> the outcome of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, hosted in Apia from 1 to 4 September 2014, which is of significance to the Pacific island countries,

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2349, No. 42146.

<sup>2</sup> CAC/COSP/2015/CRP.10.

<sup>3</sup> General Assembly resolution 69/15, annex.



*Bearing in mind* the main purposes of the Convention, which include promoting and strengthening measures to prevent and combat corruption, promoting and facilitating international cooperation and technical assistance in the prevention of and the fight against corruption, including asset recovery, and promoting integrity, accountability and proper management of public affairs and public property,

*Welcoming* the progress made by small island developing States in undertaking reform to give effect to chapters III and IV of the Convention, while recognizing that efforts must still be made to achieve full and effective implementation,

*Recognizing* that small island developing States have the same legal obligations as all States parties to the Convention, despite generally having smaller administrative capacities and limited resources,

*Noting* that, in the Mauritius Communiqué, the participants called for, inter alia, the strengthening of coordinated anti-corruption policies to implement the findings of a country review, preventing corruption in the procurement process as a priority, sharing expertise among small island developing States, including on legislative and institutional reform to implement the provisions of the Convention on criminalization, law enforcement and international cooperation,

*Recognizing* that effective national legal systems are essential to the prevention of and fight against corruption and that they must be brought into conformity with the provisions of the Convention,

1. *Urges* small island developing States that have not yet done so to ratify or accede to the United Nations Convention against Corruption;<sup>1</sup>

2. *Calls upon* States parties that are small island developing States to enhance their active participation in the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption and to undertake every effort to implement the recommendations arising from the reviews;

3. *Encourages* States parties and other interested donors, upon request, to support implementation of anti-corruption reforms in small island developing States, including those priorities and reforms identified in the Mauritius Communiqué;

4. *Also encourages* States parties and other interested donors with relevant expertise applicable to the contexts of small island developing States, upon request, to share their best practices with small island developing States through existing and future bilateral, regional and international cooperation mechanisms;

5. *Further encourages* States parties and other interested donors, upon request, to support the setting-up of a dedicated platform for anti-corruption reforms for small island developing States, in Mauritius, which would be developed and maintained by Mauritius for the purpose of research and the sharing of best practices specific to small island developing States;

6. *Urges* States parties to support small island developing States in their efforts to implement and monitor Sustainable Development Goal 16 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;<sup>4</sup>

7. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue providing technical assistance, upon request, to support anti-corruption reform in small island developing States;

8. *Calls upon* States parties, including those with relevant expertise, to assist with the bilateral, regional and international provision of technical assistance to support anti-corruption reform in small island developing States, including those technical assistance needs identified by the Implementation Review Mechanism;

9. *Requests* the Secretariat to submit to the Conference of the States Parties a report on the progress made and the challenges encountered in the implementation of the present resolution;

10. *Invites* States parties and other donors to provide extrabudgetary resources for the purposes identified in the present resolution.

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<sup>4</sup> General Assembly resolution 70/1.