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FORMAT FOR THE COUNTRY REPORTS THAT WILL BE PREPARED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE FOURTH ROUND

In accordance with Article 27 of the *Rules of Procedure and Other Provisions*^{1/} of the *Committee of Experts of the Mechanism for Follow-up on the Implementation of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption* (hereinafter, as applicable, *Rules of Procedure, Committee, Mechanism, and Convention*), the country reports to be drafted as part of the Fourth Review Round will have the following format:^{2/}

SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

In accordance with recommendation 10 of the Third Meeting of the Conference of States Parties to the MESICIC^{3/}, together with the respective country report, the Committee will adopt a summary thereof covering the recommendations formulated on the *Convention* provisions selected for review in the Fourth Round and progress made in the implementation of the recommendations offered in the First Round.^{4/}

INTRODUCTION

This section will identify the state party whose information is undergoing review; it will indicate the dates when the country ratified the *Convention* and joined the *Mechanism*; and it will state that the report will cover the review of how the provision selected for the Fourth Round has been implemented and provide follow-up on the recommendations served on the state party in question in the country report for the First Round, in accordance with the decisions adopted by the Committee at its Eighteenth meeting, pursuant to recommendation 9(a) of the Third Meeting of the Conference of States Parties to the MESICIC.

I. SUMMARY OF INFORMATION RECEIVED AND ON-SITE VISIT

This section will offer a summary of the information received, both for reviewing implementation of the *Convention* provision selected for the Fourth Round, and for following up on the recommendations served on the corresponding state party in the First Round.

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1. The Rules of Procedure and Other Provisions of the Committee of Experts of the MESICIC (document SG/MESICIC/doc.9/04 rev. 4) are available at: www.oas.org/juridico/english/mesicic_rules.pdf
 2. Bearing in mind that the reports on the countries that were not parties to the MESICIC when the First Round was held are to include a review of the *Convention* provisions that were selected for review in that round, the format for the reports corresponding to those countries will be adopted by the Committee in a separate document.
 3. The Recommendations of the Third Meeting of the Conference of States Parties of the MESICIC (document MESICIC/CEP-III/doc.4/10 rev. 1) are available at: www.oas.org/juridico/english/cepIII_recom_en.pdf
 4. The paragraphs of the report, like those of the summary of the report, will be numbered.

In addition to the foregoing, in accordance with provision 34 of the *Methodology for Conducting On-Site Visits*^{5/}, it will indicate whether the country under review granted or did not grant its consent for such a visit. In keeping with the above provision, in the event that the country under review has not granted its consent and has expressed the reasons for that decision, the country report will refer to those reasons and include references to the information from that visit in the appropriate sections thereof.

II. REVIEW, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION BY THE STATE PARTY OF THE CONVENTION PROVISION SELECTED FOR THE FOURTH ROUND

This section will review, in accordance with the Methodology adopted by the Committee for the Fourth Round, the state party's implementation of the provision selected in the framework of said round; it will take note of any difficulties in their implementation and of the state's technical cooperation needs; and it will offer appropriate conclusions and recommendations, the preparation of which will be based on the guidelines indicated in said methodology.

For this, this chapter of the country report will have the following format:

- OVERSIGHT BODIES, WITH A VIEW TO IMPLEMENTING MODERN MECHANISMS FOR PREVENTING, DETECTING, PUNISHING, AND ERADICATING CORRUPT ACTS (ARTICLE III (9) OF THE CONVENTION)

The following format will be used for the above provision of the Convention:

1. Existence of provisions in the legal framework and/or other measures
2. Adequacy of the legal framework and/or of other measures
3. Results of the legal framework and/or of other measures
4. Conclusions and recommendations

III. BEST PRACTICES

This section of the report will refer to no more than one best practice for each oversight body selected for review in the Fourth Round, when the country under review has voluntarily expressed its wish to share that practice with other MESICIC member countries and which could be beneficial to other States Parties.

5. The Methodology for Conducting On-Site Visits (document SG/MESICIC/doc.276/11 rev. 2) is available at: www.oas.org/juridico/english/met_onsite.pdf

IV. FOLLOW-UP ON NEW AND RELEVANT INFORMATION AND DEVELOPMENTS WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS SUGGESTED IN THE COUNTRY REPORT IN THE FIRST ROUND OF REVIEW

In accordance with Article 29 of the *Rules of Procedure*, and taking into account the decisions adopted by the Committee at its Eighteenth meeting, pursuant to recommendation 9(a) of the Third Meeting of the Conference of States Parties to the MESICIC, this part of the report will examine progress, information, and new developments provided by the countries in connection with the recommendations and measures suggested by the Committee in the reports of the First Round that were deemed to require additional attention in the reports of the Second and Third Rounds, and it will proceed to take note of those that have been satisfactorily considered and those that require additional attention from the country under review. In addition, where appropriate, it will address the continued validity of those recommendations and measures and, as applicable, restate or reformulate them in accordance with Section VI of the methodology adopted by the Committee for the Fourth Round.

This section will also take note of any difficulties in implementing the above recommendations and measures to which the state in question may have drawn attention, as well as of its technical cooperation needs to that end.

I. ANNEX: AGENDA OF MEETINGS HELD IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ON-SITE VISIT

In the event that the country under review has granted its consent for an on-site visit, the agenda of meetings held within the framework of that visit and the names of the institutions or organizations that participated at each will be included as an annex to said report, in accordance with provision 34 of the *Methodology for Conducting On-Site Visits*.