

**QUESTIONNAIRE  
REGARDING THE PROVISION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST  
CORRUPTION SELECTED FOR REVIEW IN THE FOURTH ROUND AND FOR  
FOLLOW-UP OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FORMULATED IN THE FIRST ROUND\***

**INTRODUCTION**

The *Report of Buenos Aires*<sup>2/</sup> and the *Rules of Procedure and Other Provisions*<sup>3/</sup> of the Committee of Experts of the Mechanism for Follow-up on the Implementation of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption (hereinafter, as applicable, *Report of Buenos Aires*, *Rules of Procedure*, *Committee*, *Mechanism*, and *Convention*) provide that the Committee shall adopt a questionnaire on the selected provisions to be reviewed in each round.

At its Eighteenth Meeting, held on March 21 to 25, 2011, the Committee agreed on the comprehensive review of “oversight bodies, with a view to implementing modern mechanisms for preventing, detecting, punishing, and eradicating corrupt acts” (Article III, paragraph 9, of the Convention) as the topic for review during the Fourth Round. In addition, in compliance with recommendation 9(a) of the Third Meeting of the Conference of States Parties of the MESICIC<sup>4/</sup>, it was agreed that in the Fourth Round, “with regard to the follow-up of recommendations, [the Committee will concentrate] exclusively on the follow-up of the recommendations formulated to the States Parties in their corresponding reports of the First Round and which were deemed to require additional attention in the reports of the Second and Third Rounds, including the consideration of any new and relevant information or developments that would allow the Committee to determine the continued validity of the recommendations and measures suggested in the reports of the First Round and, with regard to those deemed still valid, to assess whether the State has given them satisfactory consideration or whether additional attention is required or, when applicable, to restate or reformulate them.”

Furthermore, Article 29 of the *Rules of Procedure* states that the information on the implementation of the recommendations is to be presented by each State Party using the standard format provided by the Committee as an Annex to the Questionnaire. It also establishes that “with respect to the implementation of recommendations, the State Party shall refer to any difficulties that may have arisen in the process,” and that “should it deem it to be appropriate, the State Party may also identify the domestic agencies that have participated in implementing the recommendations, as well as identify specific technical assistance or other needs connected with the implementation of the recommendations.”

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- \* This Questionnaire includes an Annex I that contains an individualized format for the Co-operative Republic of Guyana to present progress and new information on developments related to the implementation of the recommendations formulated in the country report in the First Round of Review.
2. The Report of Buenos Aires (document AG/RES. 1784 (XXXI-O/01)) is available at: [www.oas.org/juridico/english/doc\\_buenos\\_aires\\_en.pdf](http://www.oas.org/juridico/english/doc_buenos_aires_en.pdf)
  3. 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](http://www.oas.org/juridico/english/mesicic_rules.pdf)
  4. 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](http://www.oas.org/juridico/english/cepIII_recom_en.pdf)

Pursuant to the above, this document contains the questions that comprise the questionnaire adopted by the Committee.

The responses given to the questionnaire shall be reviewed in accordance with the methodology adopted by the Committee, which may be consulted on the *Anticorruption Portal of the Americas* at [www.oas.org/juridico/english/mesicic\\_rounds.htm](http://www.oas.org/juridico/english/mesicic_rounds.htm).

In accordance with Article 21 of the *Rules of Procedure*, the State Party shall return its response to the questionnaire through its Permanent Mission to the OAS, in an electronic format, along with the corresponding supporting documents, within the deadline established by the Committee.

To this effect, the OAS General Secretariat's e-mail address, to which the response to the Questionnaire should be sent and to which queries may be addressed in order to clarify any doubts that may arise, is the following [LegalCooperation@oas.org](mailto:LegalCooperation@oas.org).

## **SECTION I**

### **QUESTIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION PROVISION SELECTED FOR REVIEW IN THE FOURTH ROUND**

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

- A) Indicate the oversight bodies in your country that would be relevant for preventing, detecting, punishing, and eradicating corrupt acts, and briefly state the assigned purpose of each.
- B) Then select 4 or 5 of these oversight bodies, bearing in mind their institutional importance and that the functions they are assigned should cover one or more of the objectives of preventing, detecting, punishing, and eradicating corrupt acts that trigger disciplinary; administrative; financial or civil; and criminal responsibility.
- C) For each of the oversight bodies selected in the response to question B), to the extent that is possible, address the issues such as those indicated below, attaching copies of the norms or measures on which the answers are based or indicating links to the web pages where they may be consulted:
  - i. Their objectives and functions; their autonomy for pursuing them; and when applicable, the exercise of their functions in conjunction or concert with other agencies or authorities; and the mechanisms for resolving any conflicts of jurisdiction that may arise.
  - ii. The scope of their functions, indicating whether any exceptions to it exist.
  - iii. The manner in which they adopt their decisions, indicating whether there are various agencies with jurisdiction to do so and whether they are collegiate or single-person agencies; review remedies that can be brought against the decisions adopted, both internally and with other external agencies or authorities; and the actions needed to implement or enforce those decisions.

- iv. The manner in which their senior officers are selected, indicating whether they serve fixed terms or are freely appointed and removable, and the agencies authorized to hold them responsible for their actions and deciding on their continued tenure in those positions.
- v. The manner in which the human resources needed for their operations are identified and how their personnel are selected, indicating whether they are freely appointed and removable or whether they are selected by means of merit-based competition; if certain requirements have to be met to hold such positions; and whether their personnel are subject to a regime of disqualifications and incompatibilities and of responsibility for their actions.<sup>5/</sup>
- vi. The existence of manuals or other documents that describe the functions of their personnel, and also indicating whether regular training is given in connection with those functions.
- vii. The existence of documented procedures for performing their tasks, or of manuals or guides dealing with those duties; institutional strengthening or quality improvement actions implemented; and the implementation of systems or modern technologies to facilitate their work.
- viii. The manner in which the general public is provided with information about their objectives and functions, is informed of the procedures established for the performance of their functions, and is given guidance about how to carry out proceedings before them.
- ix. The mechanisms for internal control and for dealing with claims, complaints, or allegations related to the pursuit of their objectives and to the performance of their personnel.
- x. The manner in which the budgetary resources needed for their operations are ensured.
- xi. As appropriate, the coordination mechanisms for harmonizing their functions with those of other oversight agencies or public authorities and for securing the support of other authorities and the public for full compliance with their duties.
- xii. Accountability mechanisms applicable to the performance of their duties; the way in which the information needed for that is gathered and processed; and the information issued for that purpose,<sup>6/</sup> and the way in which it is made public and how members of the public may access it.

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5. If relevant and applicable information was reported in the response to the First or Second Round questionnaires, reference may be made to that information.

6. If the information relevant to this paragraph is contained in a document, please provide copies of it or indicate the internet address where it may be accessed. If it is in several reports or if they are issued periodically, please provide copies of those issued over the past five years, or indicate the internet address where they may be accessed.

- D) For each of the oversight bodies selected in the response to question B), summarize the results obtained in the performance of their duties, providing the relevant information available to your country<sup>7/</sup> and making reference, to the extent that is possible, to issues such as the following:
- i. If the oversight body in question is tasked with the prevention of corrupt acts, list the actions taken in the past five years to prevent those acts, such as: campaigns to publicize their consequences; probity programs or awareness-raising on the duty of respecting and protecting public property and general interests; production of manuals or guides to orient public servants and private citizens regarding ethical behavior in their dealings with the State; alerts about corruption risks in specific areas of the State's operations and proposals for preventing them; attention to inquiries, issuing of opinions, or advisory actions or preventive auditing related to the State's actions; attention paid to corruption prevention studies in the areas of their jurisdiction and to related suggestions made by civil society.
  - ii. If the oversight body in question is tasked with detecting corrupt acts that trigger disciplinary; administrative; financial or civil; or criminal responsibility for persons involved therein, indicate, as appropriate, the total number of investigations begun in each of the past five years and indicate how many remain ongoing; how many have been suspended for whatever reason; how many have been shelved due to statute of limitations; how many have been shelved without a decision being reached on the merits in the case under investigation; how many are at a stage that allows a decision to be reached on the merits of the case under investigation; and how many have been referred to the competent body in order for such a decision to be taken.
  - iii. If the oversight body in question is tasked with punishing corrupt acts that trigger disciplinary; administrative, financial or civil; or criminal responsibility for persons involved therein, indicate the total number of cases investigated that were ready for a decision to be adopted in each of the past five years; the number of decisions adopted in connection with them; the number of those decisions in which responsibilities were established or penalties were imposed; the number of those decisions in which no responsibilities were found or acquittals were given; and the number of those decisions involving the extinction of the punishment or responsibility because of the triggering of the statute of limitations.
  - iv. If the oversight body in question is tasked with punishing corrupt acts that trigger civil or financial responsibility for persons involved therein, indicate the monetary sanctions imposed, or of the amounts ordered paid to the State, that have entered the public treasury in each of the past five years.
- E) For each of the oversight bodies selected in the response to question B), briefly report on difficulties encountered in preventing, detecting, and punishing corrupt acts of relevance in consideration of their functions and, if applicable, identify specific technical cooperation needs.

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7. If possible, covering the past five years.

- F) If so desired, report on no more than one best practice developed in connection with the duties of each of the oversight bodies selected in the response to question B) that you wish to share with the other MESICIC member countries, using, to the extent deemed appropriate, the suggested standard form offered as a guideline for presenting that information and attached to this questionnaire (Annex II).

## **SECTION II**<sup>8/</sup>

### **FOLLOW-UP OF PROGRESS AND NEW INFORMATION AND DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FORMULATED IN THE COUNTRY REPORT FOR THE FIRST ROUND OF REVIEW**

In accordance with the terms of Article 29 of the *Rules of Procedure*, and bearing in mind the decision of the Committee at its Eighteenth Meeting, made in compliance with recommendation 9(a) of the Third Meeting of the Conference of States Parties of the MESICIC, the document contained in Annex I of this questionnaire is adopted as the standard format for the countries to report progress and new information and developments related to the implementation of the recommendations formulated and measures suggested by the Committee for implementation in their First Round reports, together with those that the Committee identified as requiring additional attention in their Second and Third Round reports.

Based on the standard form referred to above, the Technical Secretariat will send to each country an individualized format which clearly identifies those recommendations and measures, in advance not less than three months to the date on which to the country is to respond to the questionnaire, in accordance with the provisions of section VI of the methodology adopted by the Committee for the Fourth Round.

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8. Section II of this questionnaire, regarding the follow-up of the recommendations formulated in the First Round, is not applicable to those countries that had not joined the MESICIC at the time that Round took place; however, pursuant to Article 28 of the *Rules of Procedure*, those countries must reply to the questions set out in Sections I and II of the questionnaire adopted by the Committee for that round, except as regards their oversight bodies subject to review during the Fourth Round. That questionnaire is published at: [www.oas.org/juridico/english/questionnaire.doc](http://www.oas.org/juridico/english/questionnaire.doc) and the Technical Secretariat will complete it with questions on the topics addressed in Section XII of the methodology for the Fourth Round and send it to those countries at least three months in advance of the date on which they are to submit their responses to the Questionnaire in accordance with the schedule adopted for the Fourth Round.

**SECTION III**

**INFORMATION ON THE OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLETION OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE**

Please provide the following information:

(a) State Party: Guyana

(b) The official to be consulted regarding the responses to the questionnaire: Mr.: Anand Goolsarran

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## ANNEX I

### **STANDARD FORMAT FOR THE CO-OPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA TO PRESENT INFORMATION ON PROGRESS AND NEW INFORMATION AND DEVELOPMENTS<sup>9/</sup> RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FORMULATED IN THE COUNTRY REPORT IN THE FIRST ROUND OF REVIEW**

Following the same structure as the First Round country report, the Secretariat shall transcribe each of the recommendations formulated for the country in question during the round that the Committee deemed to require additional attention in the Second and Third Round reports.<sup>10/</sup> Then, it will ask the country to provide information in connection with the corresponding recommendation and with the corresponding measures suggested by the Committee for implementation, and, if any, with the alternative measures adopted by the country to that end, as follows:

#### **1. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND MECHANISMS TO ENFORCE COMPLIANCE (ARTICLE III, PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF THE CONVENTION)**

##### **1.1. Standards of conduct intended to prevent conflicts of interest and enforcement mechanisms**

#### RECOMMENDATION:

*Consider strengthening the implementation of the provisions on conflicts of interest, and ensure that the laws on this matter are applicable to all public officials and employees, so as to permit the practical and effective application of a public ethics system.*

#### Measure a):

*Formulate specific standards, when appropriate, to limit the actions of public servants in specific situations, in accordance with the functions and activities of each institutions and the specific nature and importance of the different offices, and mechanisms for enforcing them.*

#### **With respect to the foregoing measure, provide the following information:**

A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>11/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for

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9. In accordance with the provisions of section VI of the methodology for the Fourth Round, it is understood that new information and developments relate to new provisions and/or measures adopted in regard to the topic addressed by the recommendations and measures suggested by the Committee, or provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when those recommendations or measures were formulated, that could have an impact on their validity or that could lead to their restatement or reformulation. In the event that information of this kind was furnished in the progress reports referred to in Article 31 of the Committee's Rules of Procedure, reference may be made thereto.

10. These reports are available at: [http://www.oas.org/juridico/english/mesicic\\_II\\_inf\\_guy\\_en.pdf](http://www.oas.org/juridico/english/mesicic_II_inf_guy_en.pdf) and [http://www.oas.org/juridico/english/mesicic3\\_guy\\_rep.pdf](http://www.oas.org/juridico/english/mesicic3_guy_rep.pdf).

11. If these actions involve the adoption of provisions and/or measures, please provide copies of them or indicate the internet address where they may be accessed.

implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

There is provision in: (a) the Procurement Act 2003 and the related regulations (sections 55 and 60); (b) the Fiscal Management and Accountability Act 2003 (sections 10, 11, 49 and 85); and (c) the Audit Act 2004 (section 6) dealing with conflict of interest in respect of public servants, including Ministers.

The first two legislations provide for appropriate sanctions for non-compliance while any violation of section 6 of the Audit Act can result in the removal of the Auditor General for misconduct in accordance with the Constitution, subject to due process. Having said this, an apparent conflict of interest exists in the Audit Office that remains unresolved. The Minister of Finance is responsible for the preparation and certification of the public accounts of Guyana. However, his wife is the de facto head of the Audit Office since she is the only professional qualified accountant among the four Audit Directors and the Auditor General. The position of Audit Director is the next level after the Auditor General.

The Integrity Commission Act 1997 provides for the establishment of the Integrity Commission and for securing the integrity of persons in public life. It requires all politicians (Members of Parliament and Ministers), senior public servants, procurement officers, and certain officers of the Guyana Revenue Authority to file with the Commission annual declarations of income, assets and liabilities. However, no Commissioners are in place. The Commissioners are appointed by the President after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition.

A number of key agencies, including the Private Sector Commission, have appealed to the Government to appoint the Commissioners and to provide the Commission with adequate resources to discharge its responsibilities.

In 2005 the Ombudsman demitted office. Since then no Ombudsman has been appointed to replace him.

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

A Freedom of Information Act was passed and became operational with the appointment of a Commissioner of Insurance. In addition, the Public Accounts Committee has been given an expanded role in providing Parliamentary oversight of the work of the Audit Office and in the selection of members of the Public Procurement Commission. Unfortunately, the Government side has not nominated its candidates for the five-man Commission on the grounds that the Procurement Act needs to be amended to provide for the continuing

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\* Please provide copies of them or indicate the internet address where they may be accessed.

involvement of Cabinet in the procurement process. The existing legislation provides for a progressive phasing out of Cabinet's involvement.

Four parliamentary sectoral committees (economics, social services, natural resources and foreign relations) have also been established to review critical issues affecting the country, and hearings have become a regular feature. Both the meetings of the Public Accounts Committee and the four sectoral committees are open to the public and the media.

- C) Please briefly indicate the possible difficulties seen in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on them can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

The main difficulty relates to the new configuration of Parliament whereby the combined Opposition has control of the Legislature. As a result, there are significant amounts of disagreement to get new legislation passed and to effect amendments to existing legislation. For example, two Opposition-initiated legislations are yet to be assented to by the President while there have been significant disagreements in relation to the proposed amendments to the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism Act 2009.

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

The Audit Office, the Guyana Revenue Authority, the Public Accounts Committee, and the National Assembly as a whole.

Measure b):

*Develop a system of admission to and retention in public service, incorporating measures that allow the resolution of cases in which private interests conflict with the public interest, including the strengthening of the bodies that regulate this area, and consider preventive mechanisms to ensure that no appointments are made which are contrary to the rules in force on incompatibility.*

**With respect to the foregoing measure, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>12/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

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12. If these actions involve the adoption of provisions and/or measures, please provide copies of them or indicate the internet address where they may be accessed.

The Public Service Commission is responsible for the appointment, transfer, promotion and discipline of public officers. However, its function has been diluted over the years through the appointment of “contracted employees” without the involvement of the Commission. About 20% of the public service employees are engaged on a contractual basis without the positions being advertised.

In addition, the Constitution provides for the establishment of the Public Service Appellate Tribunal to deal with complaints of unfair treatment. However, for several years now, the Tribunal has not been functioning since no members have been appointed.

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

The situation with regard to the engagement of “contracted employees” at salaries significantly higher than counterparts in the traditional Public Service has intensified.

- C) Please briefly indicate the possible difficulties seen in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on them can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

There is no discernible reason why the Public Service Commission should not be allowed to fulfill its constitutional mandate. The Government, however, argues that it is necessary to recruit some officials on a contractual basis because the skills are not readily available if the public service rates of pay are applied. The solution to the problem appears to be one in which a comprehensive review of the Public Service is needed so that a unified system is in place.

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

The Public Service Ministry has overall responsibility for the administration of the Public Service. However, there is no evidence of any action taken to address this significant deficiency referred to above. There has been some initiative aimed at reforming the Public Service but it appeared to have been shelved.

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\* Please provide copies of them or indicate the internet address where they may be accessed.

Measure c):

*Strengthen the relevant bodies, in order to improve their ability to ensure compliance with the requisites defined for the office and seek to ensure that no appointments are made in the public service that are contrary to the rules in force on ineligibility and incompatibility.*

**With respect to the foregoing measure, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>13/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

There is no evidence of any action taken to strengthen the role of the Public Service Commission in the recruitment of public servants.

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

None

- C) Please briefly indicate the possible difficulties seen in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on them can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

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13. If these actions involve the adoption of provisions and/or measures, please provide copies of them or indicate the internet address where they may be accessed.

\* Please provide copies of them or indicate the internet address where they may be accessed.

Measure d):

*Develop, when necessary, other mechanisms to identify or detect any causes that might occur in the course of the exercise of public functions and that might give rise to conflicts of interest, such as officials declaring their private interests.*

**With respect to the foregoing measure, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>14/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

There is no evidence of further developments in this area.

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

None

- C) Please briefly indicate the possible difficulties seen in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on them can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

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14. If these actions involve the adoption of provisions and/or measures, please provide copies of them or indicate the internet address where they may be accessed.

\* Please provide copies of them or indicate the internet address where they may be accessed.

Measure e):

*Develop, when necessary, provisions that restrict the participation of former public officials in situations that involve taking undue advantage of that condition, for a reasonable period of time.*

**With respect to the foregoing measure, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>15/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

*Apart from the requirements of the Procurement Act 2003 and the Fiscal Management and Accountability Act 2003, no further developments took place.*

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

*None*

- C) Please briefly indicate the possible difficulties seen in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on them can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

*None*

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

*None*

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15. If these actions involve the adoption of provisions and/or measures, please provide copies of them or indicate the internet address where they may be accessed.

\* Please provide copies of them or indicate the internet address where they may be accessed.

Measure f):

*Consider strengthening the rules in force governing sanctions, incorporating other types of administrative sanctions other than those already envisaged, such as suspension, the relinquishment of the private interests in conflict, nullity of any decisions by a person in such a position; and withdrawal from official involvement in the matter.*

**With respect to the foregoing measure, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>16/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

None

- C) Please briefly indicate the possible difficulties seen in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on them can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

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16. If these actions involve the adoption of provisions and/or measures, please provide copies of them or indicate the internet address where they may be accessed.

\* Please provide copies of them or indicate the internet address where they may be accessed.

**1.2. Standards of conduct to ensure the proper conservation and use of resources entrusted to government officials in the performance of their functions and enforcement mechanisms**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*Perform an analysis on the enforcement and the efficiency of the standards of conduct for the conservation and proper use of the public resources as well as of the mechanisms that exist in Guyana to ensure compliance with these standards as instruments for the prevention of corruption. As a result of this review, the country under review could consider the adoption of measures to promote, facilitate, consolidate or ensure the application of these instruments for that end.*

**With respect to the foregoing recommendation, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>17/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

Apart from the requirements of the Fiscal Management and Accountability Act 2003 and the Audit Act 2004, there is no evidence of further action taken. The former provides for the Minister of Finance to promulgate accounting standards for use throughout the operations of government. However, this has not yet been done. As a result, Guyana continues to operate with outmoded and archaic systems inherited from the British.

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

None

- C) Please briefly indicate the possible difficulties seen in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on them can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

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17. If these actions involve the adoption of provisions and/or measures, please provide copies of them or indicate the internet address where they may be accessed.

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- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

**1.3. Standards of conduct and mechanisms concerning measures and systems requiring government officials to report to appropriate authorities acts of corruption in the performance of public functions of which they are aware**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*Consider strengthening the existing mechanisms that require public officials to report to appropriate authorities acts of corruption in the performance of public functions of which they are aware to the appropriate authorities.*

**Measure a):**

*Establish measures and systems that require all public servants to report to appropriate authorities acts of corruption in the performance of public functions of which they are aware, and facilitate compliance with this obligation through whatever measures are considered appropriate.*

**With respect to the foregoing measure, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>18/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

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18. If these actions involve the adoption of provisions and/or measures, please provide copies of them or indicate the internet address where they may be accessed.

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None

- C) Please briefly indicate the possible difficulties seen in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on them can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

Measure b):

*Adopt and implement protection measures for public servants to encourage them to report acts of corruption in good faith.*

**With respect to the foregoing measure, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>19/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

The Ministry of Home Affairs has developed an electronic system for reporting the payment of bribes to police officers. Apart from this, there is no evidence of other actions taken.

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

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- C) Please briefly indicate the possible difficulties seen in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on them can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

Ministry of Home Affairs

Measure c):

*Review the application of the provision contained in section 28(3) of the Integrity Commission Act, in order to ensure that it does not become an impediment to, or inhibit, discourage, or intimidate public officials from reporting acts of corruption in the performance of public functions of which they are aware.*

**With respect to the foregoing measure, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>20/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

As indicated above, no Commissioners have been appointed for the Integrity Commission, although Ministers, Members of Parliament and senior public servants are required to file annual declarations of assets and liabilities.

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

None

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- C) Please briefly indicate the possible difficulties seen in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on them can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

Measure d):

*Implement adequate measures, including training for public servants on how to report acts of corruption, and the requisites for reporting them, and on protection mechanisms for those who report such cases in good faith.*

**With respect to the foregoing measure, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>21/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

None

- C) Please briefly indicate the possible difficulties seen in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee. If deemed

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appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on them can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

## **2. SYSTEMS FOR REGISTERING INCOME, ASSETS, AND LIABILITIES (ARTICLE III, PARAGRAPH 4, OF THE CONVENTION)**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

*Consider strengthening the systems for declaring income, assets and liabilities.*

### **Measure a):**

*Maximize the use of systems to study the contents of the declarations of income, assets and liabilities, and to adopt suitable measures to detect and prevent conflicts of interest and cases of illicit enrichment, using modern technologies, whenever possible, to expedite their presentation and improve systems, analysis or investigation of cases.*

### **With respect to the foregoing measure, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>22/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

As indicated above, there are no Commissioners in place for the Integrity Commission, although there might have been some degree of compliance in terms of the submission of annual returns of assets and liabilities. However, in the absence of the Commissioners detailed scrutiny of the returns is unlikely.

The Anti-Money Laundering and Countering of Financing of Terrorism Act was passed in 2009. However, the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force made a number of

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recommendations to strengthen the legislation. The matter is current being addressed in the National Assembly by way of amendments to the Act.

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

Please see above.

- C) Please briefly indicate the possible difficulties seen in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on them can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

Measure b):

*Consider the possibility of making adjustments or legal reforms to the power granted by the Integrity Commission Act to the Commission or the President, whichever is applicable, in order to impose the appropriate administrative sanctions without the authorization of another organ or official.*

**With respect to the foregoing measure, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>23/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

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23. If these actions involve the adoption of provisions and/or measures, please provide copies of them or indicate the internet address where they may be accessed.

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

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None

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

Measure c):

*Consider adjustments or legal reform of the existing system of sanctions, including other conducts, such as the late presentation of declarations or other types of sanctions.*

**With respect to the foregoing measure, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>24/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or

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the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

None

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None

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None

Measure d):

*Review the possibility of extending the five-year term established in section 23 (b) of the Integrity Commission Act as a limit for instituting legal proceedings in respect of such unlawful acts committed by an official who no longer performs public functions.*

**With respect to the foregoing measure, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>25/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

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to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

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- C) Please briefly indicate the possible difficulties seen in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on them can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

Measure e):

*Consider the advisability of granting to a body or official other than the President the administration, verification and application of the system for declaring assets and liabilities in respect of members of the Integrity Commission.*

**With respect to the foregoing measure, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>26/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

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26. If these actions involve the adoption of provisions and/or measures, please provide copies of them or indicate the internet address where they may be accessed.

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None

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

Measure f):

*Regulate the conditions, procedures and other relevant aspects as regards making disclosures of income, assets, and liabilities public, as appropriate, in accordance with the fundamental principles of the domestic legal system.*

**With respect to the foregoing measure, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>27/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

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None

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None

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None

### **3. OVERSIGHT BODIES FOR THE SELECTED PROVISIONS (ARTICLE III, PARAGRAPHS 1, 2, 4 AND 11, OF THE CONVENTION)**

#### RECOMMENDATION:

*Consider strengthening or creating oversight bodies to enforce compliance with the provisions of Chapter III, paragraphs 1, 2, 4 and 11 of the Convention, providing them with the resources needed to carry out their functions in full and establishing the mechanisms necessary for the institutional coordination of their actions and their periodic evaluation and follow-up.*

#### **With respect to the foregoing recommendation, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>28/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

Apart from the continuing functioning of the Audit Office, no further actions have been taken.

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

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None

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

#### **4. MECHANISMS TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION BY CIVIL SOCIETY AND NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN EFFORTS TO PREVENT CORRUPTION (ARTICLE III, PARAGRAPH 11 OF THE CONVENTION)**

##### **4.1. General participation mechanisms**

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

*Consider the need for Guyana to reassess and strengthen its general approach for encouraging the participation of civil society and non governmental organizations in efforts to prevent corruption.*

##### **With respect to the foregoing recommendation, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>29/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

The Transparency Institute of Guyana Inc. (TIGI) was established through the private initiatives of certain members of society concerned about the effects of corruption. The Government is yet to embrace the work of TIGI.

As indicated above, the Ministry of Home Affairs has launched a website whereby the public can report cases where police officers are demanding bribes.

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29. If these actions involve the adoption of provisions and/or measures, please provide copies of them or indicate the internet address where they may be accessed.

The Government periodically engages in outreach activities to sensitise the public on its programmes and activities. There are also television programmes that are being used to relay Government's messages.

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

Please see above.

- C) Please briefly indicate the possible difficulties seen in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on them can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

Please see above.

#### **4.2. Mechanisms for access to information**

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

*Consider preparing and approving legal provisions supporting access to information.*

##### **Measure a):**

*Develop and regulate the processes through which requests are received in order to respond to them on a timely basis, for appeals in cases where requests are denied, and establish sanctions in the event of failure to comply with the obligation to furnish public information.*

**With respect to the foregoing measure, provide the following information:**

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- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>30/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

The Freedom of Information Act was passed some time ago but was not made operational since one of the prerequisites is the appointment of a Commissioner of Information. The appointment has since been made but it is too early to assess the impact.

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

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- C) Please briefly indicate the possible difficulties seen in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on them can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None.

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

Office of the President

Measure b):

*Consider the creation or adoption of systems to ensure that the public has access, when appropriate, to information on public government organizations and their financial and program planning activities, specifically including oversight bodies responsible for matters covered by this report.*

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- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>31/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

The reports of the Auditor General are made public once they are tabled in the National Assembly. The meetings of the Public Accounts Committee to discuss the public accounts and the related reports of the Auditor General are also open to the public and the media.

Several state agencies have developed websites to allow for the dissemination of information on programmes and activities.

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

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- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

The Audit Office, the National Assembly and a number of other state agencies

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31. If these actions involve the adoption of provisions and/or measures, please provide copies of them or indicate the internet address where they may be accessed.

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### 4.3. Mechanisms for consultation

#### RECOMMENDATION 4.3.1:

*Develop standards and procedures capable of supporting consultation mechanisms to encourage civil society organizations and citizens to provide opinions and proposals to be taken into account.*

#### **With respect to the foregoing recommendation, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>32/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

Although the Constitution provides for such consultations, not much progress has been made in this area. For example, during the 2013 budget preparations, the Opposition political parties stated that there was no meaningful consultation in the formulation of the budget proposals.

Appointments to constitutional positions are being stymied by a lack of agreement between the Government side and the Opposition.

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

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- C) Please briefly indicate the possible difficulties seen in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on them can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

The absence of goodwill and compromise as well as putting the public interest first as opposed vested political interest, is a major obstacle to obtain consensus on important developmental goals.

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding

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measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

RECOMMENDATION 4.3.2:

*Design and implement programs to publicize consultation mechanisms, and when appropriate, provide civil society, nongovernmental organizations and public officials and employees with the training and instruments necessary for effective implementation of those mechanisms.*

**With respect to the foregoing recommendation, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>33/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

Not much progress has been made in this area, except for the use of state media to disseminate information to the public.

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

None

- C) Please briefly indicate the possible difficulties seen in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on them can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web

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page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

#### **4.4. Mechanisms to encourage participation in public administration**

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

*The Committee considered it useful to formulate recommendations 4.3.1 and 4.3.2 of this section with respect to the mechanisms to encourage participation in the public administration.*

##### **With respect to the foregoing recommendation, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>34/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

Please see above.

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

None

- C) Please briefly indicate the possible difficulties seen in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on them can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

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None

#### **4.5. Mechanisms for participation in the follow up of public administration**

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

*The Committee considered it useful to formulate recommendations 4.3.1 and 4.3.2 of this section with respect to the mechanisms for the follow-up of the public administration.*

##### **With respect to the foregoing recommendation, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>35/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

Please see above.

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

None

- C) Please briefly indicate the possible difficulties seen in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on them can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

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## 5. ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION (ARTICLE XIV OF THE CONVENTION)

### Recommendation 5.1:

*Ensure that both the mutual assistance treaties signed and the Convention are applied in specific cases of corruption.*

**With respect to the foregoing recommendation, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>36/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

Guyana became a signatory and/or acceded to following treaties/conventions:

- [United Nations Convention Against Corruption in April 2008;](#)
- [Inter-American Convention Against the Illicit Manufacturing and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunitions, Explosives and other Related Materials. In March 2008, the National Assembly gave its approval for Guyana to ratify this Convention. It is, however, unclear whether this was done;](#)
- [Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters. In March 2008, the National Assembly gave its approval for Guyana to ratify this Convention. It is, however, unclear whether this was done; and](#)
- [Caribbean Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Serious Criminal Matters. Guyana became a signatory to the treaty.](#)

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

[None](#)

- C) Please briefly indicate the possible difficulties seen in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee. If deemed

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appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on them can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Recommendation 5.2:

*Promote the adoption and effective application of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Bill.*

**With respect to the foregoing recommendation, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>37/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

The Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Bill has lapsed and it is unclear when it is to be re-submitted to the National Assembly.

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

None

- C) Please briefly indicate the possible difficulties seen in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on them can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

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- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

Ministries of Legal and Foreign Affairs

Recommendation 5.3:

*Determine and prioritize specific areas where technical cooperation by other States party might be useful in strengthening their capacities for preventing, detecting, investigating and punishing acts of corruption.*

**With respect to the foregoing recommendation, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>38/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

Not much progress has been made in this area.

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

None

- C) Please briefly indicate the possible difficulties seen in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on them can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs

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related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

## 6. CENTRAL AUTHORITIES (ARTICLE XVIII OF THE CONVENTION)

### Recommendation 6.1:

*Appoint the Central Authority provided for in Article XVIII of the Convention for the purposes of international assistance and cooperation foreseen therein, either through approval of the provisions in this area found in the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Bill referred to in the response to the questionnaire, or by taking the appropriate administrative decisions.*

**With respect to the foregoing recommendation, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>39/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

There is no evidence of progress made in this area.

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

None

- C) Please briefly indicate the possible difficulties seen in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on them can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs

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related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

Recommendation 6.2:

*Formally notify the General Secretariat of the OAS the appointment of the central authority, pursuant to the prescribed formalities.*

**With respect to the foregoing recommendation, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>40/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

It is not clear whether this was done.

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

None

- C) Please briefly indicate the possible difficulties seen in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on them can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

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If the OAS was informed, the responsibility would have been that of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Recommendation 6.3:

*Ensure that once the authority has been appointed it has the resources it needs to adequately fulfill its functions.*

**With respect to the foregoing recommendation, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>41/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

There is no evidence of any action taken in this area.

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

None

- C) Please briefly indicate the possible difficulties seen in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on them can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

None

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

If indeed any action was taken, the responsibility would have been that of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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## 7. GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

### Recommendation 7.1:

*Design and implement, as appropriate, training programs for public officials responsible for applying the systems, standards, measures and mechanisms considered in this report, to guarantee that they are properly understood, handled and applied.*

#### **With respect to the foregoing recommendation, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>42/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

[Seminars/workshops are held periodically with accounting personnel, procurement officers, evaluators and contractors regarding public procurement.](#)

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

[None](#)

- C) Please briefly indicate the possible difficulties seen in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on them can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

[None](#)

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

[Ministry of Finance](#)

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42. If these actions involve the adoption of provisions and/or measures, please provide copies of them or indicate the internet address where they may be accessed.

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**Recommendation 7.2:**

*Select and develop procedures and indicators, as appropriate, for verifying follow-up of the recommendations contained in this report, and notify the Committee accordingly through the Technical Secretariat. For said purposes, Guyana could take into account the list of broader indicators applicable to the inter-American system that were available for selection, as necessary, by the State under review, and which have been published by the Technical Secretariat of the Committee on the OAS Internet website. The State under review could also take into account any information arising from the review of mechanisms developed pursuant to recommendation 7.3 below.*

**With respect to the foregoing recommendation, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>43/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

[No evidence of any action taken.](#)

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

[None](#)

- C) Please briefly indicate the possible difficulties seen in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on them can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

[None](#)

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

[None](#)

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43. If these actions involve the adoption of provisions and/or measures, please provide copies of them or indicate the internet address where they may be accessed.

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Recommendation 7.3:

*Implement the recommendations contained in this report and develop, as appropriate and where none exist, procedures to review the mechanisms mentioned herein.*

**With respect to the foregoing recommendation, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>44/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

[According to the Government, these are on-going exercises aimed at improving transparency, accountability and effective use of resources.](#)

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

[None](#)

- C) Please briefly indicate the possible difficulties seen in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on them can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

[None](#)

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

[Ministry of Finance](#)

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44. If these actions involve the adoption of provisions and/or measures, please provide copies of them or indicate the internet address where they may be accessed.

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Recommendation 7.4:

*Optimize the general statistical records of the oversight bodies so as to allow objective review of the results of the legal framework and other measures that are adopted.*

**With respect to the foregoing recommendation, provide the following information:**

- A) Please briefly describe the specific actions<sup>45/</sup> that have been carried out to implement the above recommendation, or the above measure suggested by the Committee for implementation, or the alternative measure(s) adopted by the country to that end. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on those actions can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

[The Audit Office and the Public Accounts Committee do maintain such records.](#)

- B) If applicable, indicate the new information and developments related to the subject matter of the above recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, briefly describing the new provisions and/or measures adopted in connection with the subject,\* or the provisions and/or measures unknown to or not taken into consideration by the Committee when that recommendation or measure was formulated,\* indicating whether they are deemed to have an impact on the validity of that recommendation or measure or whether they could lead to its restatement or reformulation:

[None](#)

- C) Please briefly indicate the possible difficulties seen in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee. If deemed appropriate, please indicate the web page on which more detailed information on them can be obtained, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

[None](#)

- D) If deemed appropriate, please indicate which internal agencies or other organizations have participated in the implementation of the foregoing recommendation or corresponding measure suggested by the Committee, and identify specific technical cooperation needs related to its implementation. In addition, if deemed relevant, please also indicate the web page dealing in greater detail with these issues, clearly indicating the information of the web site in question:

[Audit Office, the Ministry of Finance and Parliament Office](#)

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45. If these actions involve the adoption of provisions and/or measures, please provide copies of them or indicate the internet address where they may be accessed.

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**ANNEX II**

**STANDARD FORMAT SUGGESTED AS A GUIDELINE FOR PRESENTATION OF  
INFORMATION ON BEST PRACTICES<sup>46/</sup>**

1. The name of the institution that is implementing the best practice: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Title: The name of the best practice or the action it entails and the topic it covers (i.e., prevention of conflicts of interests): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Best practice description: A short description and summary of the best practice should be provided and explanation and as to why it should be considered a best practice: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Reasons/Importance: Reasons for the development of the best practice should be given. A description should be made of the situation in place before the adoption of the best practice and identification of the problem or problems it is to address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Approach: What was the proposed design and methodology for applying the best practice? What was considered in its design and methodology? Were other countries experience taken into account: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_
6. Implementation: How is the best practice being implemented? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Challenges: What are the challenges in implementing the best practice? Were civil society organizations involved in its implementation? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Outcome: What is the end result or expected end result of implementing the best practice? Have benefits and/or success stories been identified? Have they addressed the problems originally identified as necessitating a best practice to be implemented? What has its impact on civil society been? \_\_\_\_\_  
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46. The questions set out on this form are intended to guide the States regarding the information they may furnish on best practices, if they so wish, and to be responded as deemed appropriate.

9. Follow-Up: Who or what groups will monitor the practice's implementation? How will its implementation be monitored? Will there be progress reports? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Lessons: What are some lessons in implementing the Best Practice? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Documentation: Where to find more information on the Best Practice (i.e., internet links) \_\_\_\_\_

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12. Contact: Who to contact to receive further information. \_\_\_\_\_

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