WORKSHOP REPORT FORM

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Special Session 1: Prevent rather than regret: UNCAC opens doors to corruption prevention

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Main Issues Covered
UNCAC preventive measures and exploring how stakeholders such as public administrations, private sector and civil society can help to advance the successful implementation of these measures.
Main Outcomes

The huge bureaucracy is directly related with the corruption high level. The education and prevention is the most important way to fight corruption. The e-government, to create more service centre, minimize the contact between citizens and the public agents, limit numbers of documents are examples of preventive measures that could be implemented. Remark that the procurement preventive measures are mandatory provisions in the UNCAC for the countries. Transparency International presented some suggestions in the procurement and accountability issue in the draft of the Declaration. Human Rights and corruption are much related in the Right to the Access Information. Push civil society to use the article 13 about the participation of society, this is the people convention. Countries to incorporate Civil Society Organization in their consultation, nationally and internationally as part of standard procedure in all areas of preventive measures. The International Chamber of Commerce will give proposals to the Draft of Declaration on preventive measures like the proposals that they gave to the US Department of Justice.

Main Outputs

Comments to the draft of declaration on preventive measures will be open for one year until November 2009, when the 3rd Conference of States Parties.

There is UNCAC civil society coalition in order to promote the UNCAC implementation. www.uncaccoalition.org

Recommendations, Follow-up Actions
Civil Society and Private Sector are invited to send recommendations to the draft of the declaration on preventive measures to the Mr. Muhyieddeen Touq, Ambassador, Jordanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Head, Group of Preventive Measures, UNODC.

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Workshop Highlights (including interesting quotes)

“Collaboration between civil society organizations and private sector to push the agenda, it is fundamental”.

“Preventing is cheaper, preventing is better result, preventing it is necessary a national, regional and international level”.

Muhyieddeen Touq, Ambassador, Jordanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Head, Group of Preventive Measures, UNODC.

Signed

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