



MECHANISM FOR FOLLOW-UP ON
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN
CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION
Thirty-Fifth Meeting of the Committee of Experts
March 8 – 11, 2021
Washington, D.C.

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SCHEDULE

Place: Virtual Form (Zoom Platform)

Monday, March 8, 2021

9:30 hrs. – 12:00 hrs (Washington, D.C. time zone):*

- Opening of meeting.
- Inaugural Address of the OAS Secretary General, Luis Almagro
- Welcome Remarks of the Secretary of Legal Affairs, Jean Michel Arrighi
- Delegates Presentation.
- Inaugural Photo.^{1/}
- Consideration and approval of the agenda.
- Report by the Technical Secretariat (Item 1 of the agenda).
- Presentation of candidates for Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee (Item 2 of the agenda).^{2/}

*** - 1 hour: Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras Mexico and Nicaragua.**

Same time as Washington D.C.: The Bahamas, Canada, Colombia, Ecuador, Haiti, Jamaica, Panama and Peru.

+1 hour: Antigua and Barbuda, Bolivia, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, and Venezuela.

+ 2 hours: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Suriname and Uruguay.

To verify the time differences above and/or to consult about the time of other countries and/or cities, please consult the following link: <https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/meeting.html>

1. For this item, the MESICIC Technical Secretariat will ask the Lead Experts to turn on their video cameras in order to take a screenshot of all the Lead Experts.
2. This item is included as agreed in the Committee's Fifteenth Meeting.

- Consideration of the first draft country report: *Paraguay* (Item 3.1. of the agenda).^{3/}

14:00 hrs. – 16:30 hrs (Washington, D.C. time zone):*

- Continued consideration of the first draft country report: *Paraguay* (Item 3.1. of the agenda).

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

9:30 hrs. – 12:00 hrs (Washington, D.C. time zone):*

- Consideration of the second draft country report: *Peru* (Item 3.2. of the agenda).

14:00 hrs. – 16:30 hrs (Washington, D.C. time zone):*

- Voluntary presentations by States Parties on best practices (Item 4 of the agenda).

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

9:00 hrs. – 12:00 hrs (Washington, D.C. time zone):*

- Special Session: Preventing and Tackling Corruption during the Pandemic: Experiences, Developments, and Lessons Learned. *Voluntary presentations by States Parties* (Item 5 of the agenda).^{4/}

14:00 hrs. – 16:30 hrs (Washington, D.C. time zone):*

- Consideration of the Proposed Methodology for Considering the System of Indicators to Prevent, Detect, and Eradicate Impunity for Acts of Corruption (Item 6 of the agenda).^{5/}

3. Article 25 of the Rules of Procedure sets out the procedure for the consideration and adoption of country reports at the plenary of the Committee.

4. The Special Session will be conducted following the guidelines established by the “*Procedures for States to present their Experiences, Achievements, and Lessons Learned in Preventing and Combating Corruption, amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic, and for Disseminating them*” document OEA/Ser.L.SG/MESICIC/doc.580/21, sent, in advance, by the Technical Secretariat.

5. In relation to this item, the Technical Secretariat has prepared the “*Proposed Methodology for Considering the System of Indicators to Prevent, Detect, and Eradicate Impunity for Acts of Corruption*”, document OEA/Ser.L.SG/MESICIC/doc.581/21, sent, in advance, by the Technical Secretariat.

Thursday, March 11, 2021

9:30 hrs. – 12:00 hrs (Washington, D.C. time zone):*

- Final review and adoption of the two country reports: *Paraguay*, and *Peru* (Item 3 on the agenda).
- Reports from States Parties on progress made in implementing recommendations made to them by the Committee (Item 7 on the agenda).^{6/}

14:00 hrs. – 16:30 hrs (Washington, D.C. time zone):*

- Elections of Chair and Vice-Chair (Item 8 of the agenda).^{7/}
- Other matters (Item 9 of the agenda).
- Consideration and approval of the Meeting Minutes (Item 10 of the agenda).

6. This item in the agenda refers to the reports that each of the States Parties should present as provided in Article 31 of the Rules of Procedure, which reads as follows: “Article 31. Reports within the framework of the Committee Meetings. *At the first Committee meeting of each year, each State Party shall submit a brief verbal report on the measures it has adopted since the first meeting of the previous year with respect to the recommendations made by the Committee. Similarly, each State Party may inform on the difficulties that it has faced with respect to the implementation of those recommendations as well as on other progress related to the implementation of the Convention during that time period. An electronic copy of these reports, which shall be drafted in a standard format approved by the Committee and shall not exceed five pages in length, shall be published on the Internet web page of the Mechanism.*”

7. Article 4 of the Committee’s Rules of Procedure provides the procedure to be followed when electing the Committee’s Chair and Vice-Chair.