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Dear Mr. Zivotic,

I would like to cordially invite your Organization to participate in the Constructive Dialogue, to be held following the conclusion of the thirteenth session of the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons, in a hybrid format with in-person participation in Vienna, Austria, and online attendance.

The [Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime](#) established, via its resolution 9/1 in October 2018, the Mechanism for the Review of the Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto (UNTOC Review Mechanism), the first phase of which was launched in October 2020 through Conference resolution 10/1.

The procedures and rules for the functioning of the UNTOC Review Mechanism provide in paragraph 53 that constructive dialogues with relevant stakeholders, including non-governmental organizations, will be convened as a regular practice following the conclusion of the sessions of the working groups and the adoption of the reports. Other relevant stakeholders, including representatives of the private sector and academia, may also apply to participate. The constructive dialogue is also open to States parties, signatories, non-signatories, entities and intergovernmental organizations.

The **Constructive Dialogue** will be held in English on **4 October 2023** in Conference Room CR3, Vienna International Centre (VIC), Building C, from **10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. CEST**. The agenda will be made available in due course on the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime web page dedicated to Organized Crime (https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/organized-crime/intro.html#UNTOC_COP).

The objectives of the Constructive Dialogue include:

- Briefing participants on the development and outcomes of the review process.
- Collecting inputs and suggestions from participants, including their contributions on ways to improve the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto.
- Cooperating with non-governmental organizations to combat transnational organized crime.

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The Constructive Dialogue will be conducted by the Chair of the Working Group, assisted by the Secretariat. **No specific country situation shall be mentioned during the Constructive Dialogue except by the country under review, which may voluntarily raise matters related solely to its own review.** A written summary of the discussions will be prepared by the Chair of the Working Group and will be made available to the Working Group at its next session.

In addition to the names already submitted through your application, your Organization is kindly invited to provide the details (name, title/function, workplace and individual email address) of further members of your delegation and to indicate the preferred means of participation (in person or virtual) per member through [this form](#) and confirm in writing via email to unodc-se4u@un.org by **Friday, 29 September 2023, at the latest.**

To guarantee access to the VIC, your Organization is kindly requested to attach to their response an **official letter signed by its head including details (name, title/function, workplace and individual email address) of the delegates attending the meeting in person, together with a copy of their passport or identity card.**

The inclusion of individual email addresses will ensure that representatives receive an email response confirming their registration and will enable the Secretariat to provide further useful information, as necessary, including a link for participants to join virtually. All information provided will be processed by the Secretariat with due regard to confidentiality and will not be divulged to any third party.

All in-person participants are required to confirm their attendance upon arrival by presenting this invitation and the official letter signed by the head of the organization they represent, together with their passport or identity card, at the Conference registration desk, Gate 1, VIC.

Inclusion, gender equality and the empowerment of women lie at the heart of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and are vital to fully realizing the rights and potential of all persons. Accordingly, your Organization is encouraged to include female experts and experts from diverse backgrounds in its delegation.

Yours sincerely,



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