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Delegation will find attached the draft Position on "Technical Assistance" in view of the preparation of the 4th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, 8 - 17 October 2008).

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ANNEX

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## POSITION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES, MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL

of [...] 2008

on the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (Technical Assistance), preparation of the 4th Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (Vienna, 8 - 17 October 2008)

- The Member States and the European Community shall support the COP in identifying effective methods for providing technical assistance in the context of the implementation of and effective compliance with the Convention, in accordance with its mandate and in line with the principles laid down in the 2005 Paris Declaration on Aid effectiveness.
- The Member States and the European Community shall encourage the COP to take into account the Recommendations of the Open-ended Interim Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance at its meeting on 3 - 5 October 2007<sup>1</sup>
- In particular, the Member States and the European Community shall:
  - support initiatives facilitating the information-gathering with a view to enabling the COP to collect comprehensive and reliable information on the needs for technical assistance,

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<sup>1</sup> CTOC/COP/2008/7.

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- encourage the COP to take into account the outcome of the two reporting cycles<sup>1</sup> and the preliminary results of the checklist and the information-gathering tools established by the UNODC Secretariat with a view to identifying gaps or deficiencies in the implementation of the Convention,
- promote the thorough analysis by the COP of the working paper prepared by the UNODC Secretariat<sup>2</sup>, upon request of the Open-ended Interim Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance, on proposals for technical assistance activities to meet the needs identified in the priority areas determined by the Conference,
- recommend that the COP give thorough consideration to the issue of coordination of technical assistance through existing channels and between all involved parties in order to avoid overlaps and misuse of resources,
- promote initiatives ensuring that sufficient, sustainable and predictable resources be available to comply with the provisions of the Convention dealing with technical assistance;
- fully support the implementation of the recommendations setting the priorities for technical assistance endorsed by the COP in its third session ;
- promote within the COP proposals for technical assistance activities aiming to the implementation of the supplementing Protocols.

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<sup>1</sup> CTOC/COP/2008/2, CTOC/COP/2008/3, CTOC/COP/2008/4, CTOC/COP/2008/5, CTOC/COP/2008/6, CTOC/COP/2008/8, CTOC/COP/2008/9.

<sup>2</sup> CTOC/COP/2008/22.