Minutes of Interministerial Consultation Meeting of 2022 Implementation Results, 2023 Performance Goals Setting and Draft of Amendments to the National Integrity Building Action Plan

Meeting Time: Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 10:00 am

Location: Conference Room 1, Agency Against Corruption,

Ministry of Justice

Chair: Deputy Minister Tsai, Pi-Chung

Attendees: As shown on the sign-in sheet

Minutes Taker: Chou, Yi-Chao

I. Remarks by the Chairperson

The National Integrity Building Action Plan (hereinafter referred to as the NIBAP) was promulgated by the Executive Yuan in 2009. In response to the enactment of the "Act to Implement United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC)", the NIBAP underwent significant revisions in 2016, incorporating nine specific strategies and forty-six implementation measures. Currently, the NIBAP is reviewed annually by the Agency Against Corruption (AAC), Ministry of Justice (MOJ) in collaboration with the National Development Council. Performance outcomes are assessed, and performance goals are set through discussions and deliberations with relevant ministries and agencies in meetings. In this meeting, the Secretariat shall report on the results of the implementation of the NIBAP for 2022.

Furthermore, to align with international anti-corruption trends and respond to and implement the concluding observations of the International Review Committee on the ROC's Second Report under the UNCAC, the AAC proposed two discussion topics: The Incorporation of "Responses to the Concluding Observations and Recommendations of the International Review of the ROC's Second Report under the UNCAC" (hereinafter referred to as the Responses) and Amendments to the NIBAP. The main context is to include specific and feasible implementation measures of the Responses in the NIBAP by way of addition or amendment for continuing management and oversight.

II. 2022 Implementation Results Summary of the NIBAP

(details omitted, please refer to detailed meeting materials.)

Chair's Decision: For the unaccomplished items, each organizing agency has provided relevant explanations, and they are allowed to be kept for reference.

III. Discussion Items

(I) Discussion Agenda 1: The Incorporation of the Responses into the NIBAP for continuing management and oversight. (details omitted, please refer to detailed meeting materials)

Director Li, Bao-Chang from the Control Yuan: The Control Yuan exercises its supervisory powers, including impeachment, accusation, correction, investigation, and handling of petitions from the people, based on the Constitution of the Republic of China, including Additional Articles of the Constitution, and the Control Act. Any government institutions or civil servants that violate the law or neglect their duties fall within the scope of the Control Yuan's jurisdiction. Therefore, there is no need to include the Control Yuan as an assisting agency in Item 9 of the Responses.

Prosecutor Weng, Pei-Hsien of the Department of International and Cross-Strait Legal Affairs (ICLA), MOJ: Regarding the 2023 performance goal values in Item 28 of the Response Sheet and the Enforcement Measure (1) in the Specific Strategy 9 of the draft amendment to the NIBAP, since the ICLA did not dispatch its staff to participate in the APEC Anti-Corruption and Transparency Experts Working Group (ACTWG) meeting, we suggest amending it according to the text provided by the ICLA after the meeting.

Chair's Decision:

- 1. When the AAC conducts the rolling amendments next year (2024), please consider exempting the Control Yuan as an assisting agency in Item 9 of the Response Sheet. Please make further revisions to the content related to the 28th item of the Response Sheet and Enforcement Measure (1) of Specific Strategy 9 of the amendment draft to the NIBAP, based on the text provided by the ICLA.
- 2. Incorporate the Responses into the NIBAP for continuing management and oversight. However, the 1st and 18th items will not be included for now. They will continue to be handled in accordance with reporting requirements under the UNCAC, and progress will be periodically reported for the review of implementation results.
- 3. The amendment of the corporation of the Responses into the NIBAP shall be determined according to the approval of the Executive Yuan. Considering the mid-term report on the Concluding Observations is scheduled to be released

by 2024, each responsible agency is requested to cooperate with the evaluation and implement the NIBAP in order to demonstrate concrete actions taken by Taiwan in response to the Concluding Observations.

(II) Discussion Agenda 2: Amendments to the National Integrity
Building Action Plan (omitted, please refer to detailed meeting
materials)

Senior Executive Officer Li, Kun-Ling, Malpractices Investigation Division of the AAC: Regarding the performance objectives of Enforcement Measure (2) of Specific Strategy 8, it is recommended to revise the name "Corruption Case report Reward Committee of the Ministry of Justice" to "Committee for Review of Rewards for informants of Corruption and Malfeasance Cases for the Ministry of Justice."

Chair's Decision: Based on the recommendation and proposed amendment content from the Malpractices Investigation Division of the AAC, the proposal is hereby approved.

IV. Extempore Motions

Regarding Item 3 of the Response Sheet, we kindly request to be included as an assisting agency based on our responsibilities. (Proposed by: the Department of Personnel, MOJ)

Chair's Decision: During the next rolling amendments in the coming year, the AAC should consider including the Department of Personnel, MOJ as an assisting agency in the Response Sheet, specifically in Item 3.

V. Chair's Concluding Remarks

I would like to express my gratitude to the representatives of various ministries and agencies for attending this meeting. The National Integrity Building Action Plan is aimed at establishing national development strategic objectives, coordinating the implementation of various anti-corruption measures in accordance with the UNCAC, demonstrating the commitment to clean and transparent governance by the heads of agencies and ministries, and fostering international cooperation. In the future, we will continue to review the implementation results annually and set performance goals to continuously improve various anti-corruption measures.