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Current status of Korea in UNCAC Implementation Review Mechanism

Korea is under review in the third year of the first cycle and it is also a reviewing country in the fourth year. In this regard, the Korean government is actively cooperating in the review on Chapter 3 "Criminalization and law enforcement" and Chapter 4 "International Cooperation" of the Convention.

As reported in the last meeting, the self-evaluation checklist was submitted and the desk review on the checklist has been completed. In March this year, country visit to Korea was conducted. Governmental experts of the reviewing countries, Bulgaria and India, and staffs of the UNODC visited the ACRC, Ministry of Justice, Prosecutors' Office, Transparency International Korea, and Korea Chamber of Commerce to check Korea's implementation status of the Convention.

Currently, the reviewing countries are examining draft of the Country Review Report, and the Executive Summary will be posted on the UN website as soon as the report is completed, to finish the review process.

Meanwhile, along with Mongolia, Korea was selected as the reviewing country for Micronesia at the fourth session of UNCAC Implementation Review Group meeting in May. The Korean delegation had the first meeting with the Micronesia delegation and UNODC staff in Vienna. At the meeting, we exchanged contact information and discussed language for the review and issues on the country visit.

The ACRC, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and other UNCAC-related agencies are closely cooperating each other with continuous contact and we are fully committed to successful and productive reviewing on Micronesia.

Korea's efforts for implementation of UNCAC

The Korean government is making continuous efforts to fully implement UNCAC.

First, in order to fight corruption in public procurement in Article 9 of the Convention, we created the legal ground for Integrity Pact by revising the "Act on State Contract". As a result, Integrity Pact is mandatory when it comes to contracts to which the state is a party starting from June this year, and if a violation of Integrity Pact is revealed, that public contract will be canceled.

Next, as an implementation measure of Article 31 of the Convention, Korea prepared draft for revision of the "Act on Regulation and Punishment of Criminal Proceeds Concealment", which provides reward to reporters and contributors when criminal proceeds are confiscated and recovered to the National Treasury. The revised provision will take effect from May next year, and we are expecting the revision to boost reports of corruption.

Meanwhile, in April, Korean government provided contributions of €102,000 to International Anti-Corruption Academy, IACA, in order to support anti-corruption training under Article 60 of the Convention. And Professor Pil Hwan Oh, former president of Korea's Anti-corruption Studies, was elected academic advisor to the Academy.

Finally, the ACRC is planning to pass the "Bill on the Prevention of Illegal Solicitation and Conflict of Interest" through the National Assembly this year. This would strengthen the implementation of Article 15, 17, 18 and 19 of the convention. And we are also planning to revise the "Act on the Protection of Public Interest Whistleblowers" to strengthen protection measure for whistleblowers and contributors of violations pursuant to Article 32 and 33 of the Convention.