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### **Review Meeting of the ROC's Initial Report Under the United Nations Convention Against Corruption Comes to a Satisfactory End Committee Members Submit Concluding Observations Urge Taiwan to Align With International Anti-Corruption Norms**

The first Review Meeting of the ROC's Initial Report Under the United Nations Convention Against Corruption came to a satisfactory close today (August 24). After the two-day meeting, wide ranging and in-depth discussion with representatives of Taiwan government agencies and non-governmental organizations, the five international review committee members put forward their concluding observations with respect to Taiwan's implementation of important anti-corruption issues. A concluding observation press conference was held in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor assembly hall of the Ministry of Justice today (August 24).

The press conference was hosted by Executive Yuan Minister Without Portfolio Law Bing-cheng, *who accepted the document submitted by the international review committee on behalf of the government. The International review committee presented a concluding observation entitled "Anti-corruption Reforms in Taiwan". The concluding observations put forward areas where Taiwan deserves commendation and opinions and suggestions for future policy directions and promoting anti-corruption work in line with the United Nations Convention against Corruption's Chapter II Preventive measures, Chapter III Criminalization and law enforcement, Chapter IV International cooperation, Chapter V Asset recovery and Chapter VI Technical assistance and information exchange.*

The international review committee members affirmed the operation of the Executive Yuan Central Integrity Committee, the amendment of the Money Laundering Control Act to reinforce the money laundering prevention system and the establishment of the International Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act; it also recognized the policy achievements of the National Integrity Building Action Plan.

Suggestions on future policy direction included strengthening cooperation with anti-corruption organizations and committing the necessary resources, increasing importance attached to private sector corruption and enhancing civil society participation etc. The members of the international review committee also put forward concrete suggestions with regard the legal system for protection of whistleblowers, Anti-Corruption Act, Company Act and State Compensation Law etc.

Minister Without Portfolio Law specially thanked the five international experts for traveling far to review Taiwan's initial national report, in doing so, supporting the alignment of Taiwan and the international anti-corruption system; he also promised to urge the various ministries to implement the concluding observations and use them as important reference for formulating anti-corruption policy, regulations and related works; and actively promote to prepare to be tested again when the next national report is compiled and international review meeting is held.