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**Information Note on the Conference of States Parties to the  
United Nations Convention against Corruption**

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The United Nations Convention against Corruption entered into force on 14 December 2005. To-date, 140 countries have signed and 70 countries have ratified it.

The Convention established a Conference of States Parties to improve the capacity of and cooperation between States Parties to achieve the objectives of the Convention and promote and review its implementation.

The Government of Jordan offered in December 2003 to act as host to the first session of the Conference and confirmed its offer in July 2006. The formal invitations to the Conference will be issued once the host country agreement is signed by the Government of Jordan and the United Nations *Office on Drugs and Crime* (UNODC). At this time, the UNODC wishes to inform that the first session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, subject to the finalization and signature of the host country agreement, will be held at the King Hussein Bin Talal Convention Centre, Dead Sea, Jordan, from 10 to 14 December 2006. Further details regarding the Conference will be contained in the official invitations and a note with information for participants will be issued in the near future. The same information will then be available from the UNODC website ([www.unodc.org](http://www.unodc.org)). Queries can already be addressed to: [UNCAC.COP@unodc.org](mailto:UNCAC.COP@unodc.org)

A side-event for Parliamentarians, organized in partnership with Global Organization of Parliamentarians against Corruption (GOPAC), will be held in conjunction with the Conference of States Parties (for queries: [UNCAC.COP@unodc.org](mailto:UNCAC.COP@unodc.org) or [secretariat@gopacnetwork.org](mailto:secretariat@gopacnetwork.org))

At the Conference of States Parties two tools will be released: a) the Legislative Guide to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (final), meant for lawmakers (Parliamentarians) - and; b) the Technical Guide to the Convention (draft) to promote the implementation of the Convention.