



# Shri K.V. Chowdary presents country statement at the Eighth Session of the Implementation Review Group of UNCAC at Vienna, Austria

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The Central Vigilance Commissioner Shri K.V. Chowdary presented country statement at the Eighth Session of the Implementation Review Group of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) at Vienna, Austria yesterday. The Eighth Session is being held from June 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.

While presenting the country statement, Shri K.V. Chowdary said that India has recognized the need for effectively fighting corruption and has a robust and time tested institutional and legislative framework including, the Prevention of Corruption Act an independent Central Vigilance Commission, Central Information Commission, Comptroller and Auditor General, the Judges (Inquiry) Act and a spate of legislations including The Lokpal & Lokayukta Act, 2013, Whistle Blowers Protection Act 2011, Prevention of Money Laundering Act, Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Act which cover a number of areas of criminalization, bribery have been enacted.

Shri K.V. Chowdary said that India is fully committed to tackle corruption and adopts a 'zero tolerance' approach as well as minimum Government and maximum Governance. He highlighted some of prominent steps taken by the Government, which include abolishing the system of attestation or authentication by Government servants for submission of certificates by youth, students, etc., for seeking jobs or for other Government facilities which has had an immense impact across the country, abolishing personal interviews for recruitments to lower level posts in Federal Government and its organisations, thereby eliminating scope for subjectivity and corruption in selection of public servants and demonetization of high value currency, a bold step to eliminate black money and corruption.

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