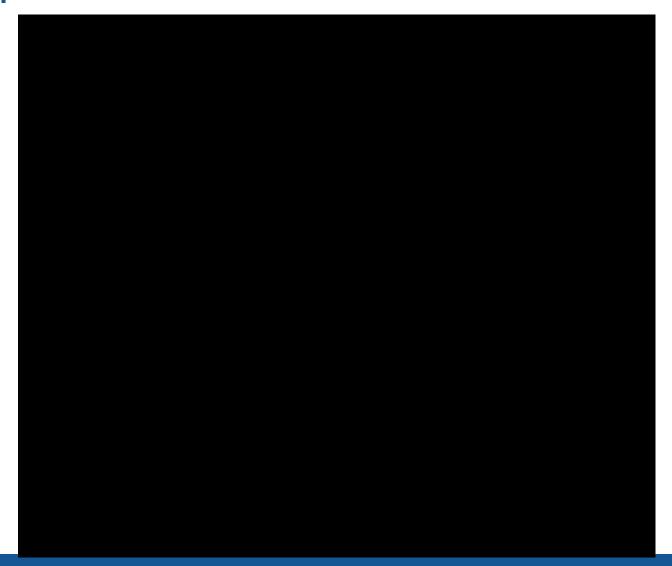
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### Oversight measures in the Model Law

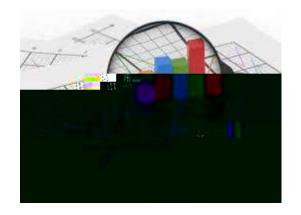
Key feature of an effective procurement system Involves monitoring and enforcement

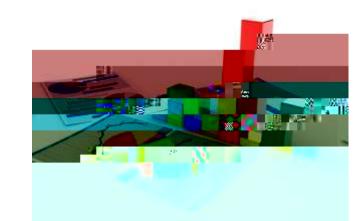
Reviewing and challenging decisions of the procuring entity

**Audits** 

Investigations

Sanctions mechanisms





Oversight as a key element of accountability

Why do we want challenge procedures?

UN Convention against Corruption requires effective review mechanism

Self-policing and self-enforcing law?

For all breaches, or only intentional ones?



#### Scope of provisions in the Model Law

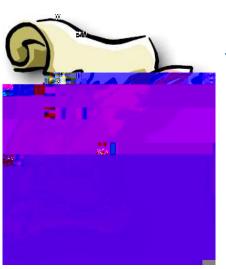
ANY supplier (potential or actual)

Can challenge ANY decision or action of the procuring entity

On the basis of non-compliance with rules and procedures

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## Model Law provisions

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Optional peer review mechanism Independent review body Court procedures

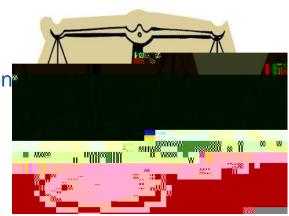
provisions, rule on

documents

Main aim: corrective action; rapid results Broad range of relief (including financial compensation)

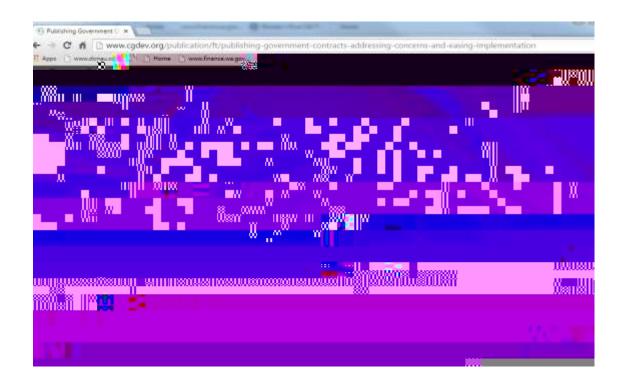
Default rule: suspension, public notice of results

Issues: too many/too few hearings
Can review mechanism fulfil its role?



Key role of transparency

Key role of transparency throughout procurement cycle



### Kev role of transparency



Importance of cooperation among organizations









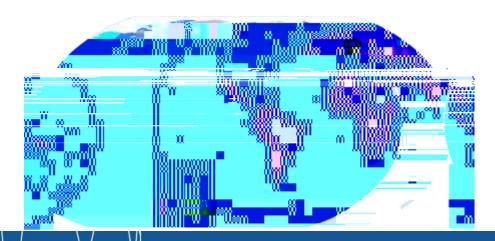
Data issues UNCITRAL provisions

Requirement for record (art 25)

Disclosure of contents of record (art 25)

Protection of confidential information (art 24)

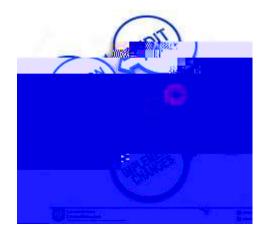
OECD limited data-gathering in practice





#### Issues addressed in the Guide to Enactment

Audit and investigations



Sanctions (including debarment)

Not in Model Law

Additional guidance on suspension and debarment, sanctions procedures possible new topic? UNCITRAL experience in dispute resolution



## **Enforcement** sanctions procedures

Procurement officials/procuring entity

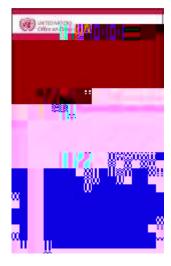
Breach of code of conduct

Conflicts of interest

Breaches of the rules on advertising and other transparency measures

sanctions

a baseline requirement of UNCAC





#### Collusion

Limited mention in Model Law Suggestions to address through limiting transparency An emerging issue for oversight needs



#### For more information

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