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**ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES
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**RESOLUTION
ON GENERAL MATTERS**

The Assembly of Parties,

Recalling the Agreement for the Establishment of the International Anti-Corruption Academy as an International Organization (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement"), which entered into force on 8 March 2011;

Recalling also the Resolutions of the first and second sessions of the International Anti-Corruption Academy's (hereinafter referred to as "IACA") Assembly of Parties, where Parties and Signatories to the Agreement expressed their full support and commitment towards the lasting advancement of IACA's mandate, policies, means, and objectives;

Welcoming with great satisfaction the ever growing constituency of IACA, currently comprising 59 Parties and 53 Signatories to the Agreement from all regions, as well as the growing number of cooperation agreements with various relevant stakeholders in the anti-corruption field; *welcoming further* the cooperative relationships established by IACA which provide a clear basis for IACA's future cooperation and increase the coordination with the main actors in anti-corruption at the global level;

Acknowledging with satisfaction the achievements of IACA's programmes and activities, in particular the Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS), the world's first international, inter-disciplinary, post-graduate programme in anti-corruption studies, designed for working professionals who wish to remain fully employed while pursuing their degree; and *recalling* all States to fully recognize and support IACA's degree programmes;

Recalling, furthermore, the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) and other relevant international and regional legal instruments;

Acknowledging the ongoing process on the United Nations Development Agenda beyond 2015; *noting with appreciation* the inclusion of goals and targets on anti-corruption, such as, "substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all its forms", "promote the rule of law at the national and international levels, and ensure equal access to justice for all", as well as "develop effective, accountable, and transparent institutions at all levels", in the Outcome Document of the Open Working Group of the General Assembly on Sustainable Development Goals; and *expressing hope* for their further inclusion in the United Nations Development Agenda beyond 2015;

Welcoming the input of IACA to the High-Level Event of the General Assembly on the Contributions of Human Rights and the Rule of Law in the Post-2015 Development Agenda held at the United Nations in New York between 9 and 10 June 2014, where the necessity to ensure good governance, including strong and stable anti-corruption regimes, was emphasized as an explicit component of the post-2015 responsive framework;

Welcoming the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, to be held in Doha in 2015, and *expressing hope* that this session of the Crime Congress could contribute to the global fight against corruption and the United Nations Development Agenda beyond 2015 through the relevant fora, means, and procedures;

Recalling the G20 Leaders' Saint Petersburg Declaration of September 2013 according to which the G20 Leaders placed a high value on implementing and raising awareness regarding effective anti-corruption education programmes to build and reinforce a culture of intolerance towards corruption;

Noting with appreciation the progress made so far by IACA in promoting the prevention and combatting of corruption and, in particular, its role in providing technical assistance, in the spirit envisioned in the UNCAC, in the field of anti-corruption education, training, networking, cooperation, and academic research, following a holistic approach, which is international, inter-disciplinary, inter-sectorial, integrative, and sustainable;

Concerned about the seriousness of problems and threats posed by corruption to the stability and security of societies, undermining the institutions and values of democracy, ethical values and justice, and jeopardizing sustainable development and the rule of law;

Emphasizing that corruption is a challenge that is better overcome by stable and strong inter-sectoral cooperation, alliances, and collective action, including cooperation with civil society and non-governmental organizations;

Commending the work done by civil society, including non-governmental organizations, in preventing and combatting corruption in recent decades; *recognizing* the results achieved so far; and *encouraging* them to continue their work in the future;

Inviting all United Nations Member States and other relevant stakeholders to use IACA as a technical assistance provider;

Recognizing with satisfaction and commending the dedicated efforts and substantial work undertaken by the Board of Governors, the Dean and Executive Secretary, the International Senior Advisory Board, the International Academic Advisory Board, as well as the Secretariat towards achieving IACA's mandate;

Expressing its sincere gratitude to the Republic of Azerbaijan for generously hosting this third session of the Assembly of Parties;

- 1. Reiterates** its firm commitment to and full support for effective anti-corruption efforts and the purpose, mandate, and holistic approach of IACA in the prevention of and fight against corruption.

2. **Encourages** United Nations Member States, International Organizations, and all other relevant stakeholders to support IACA and take full advantage of a wide array of its services, programmes, and activities in the anti-corruption field.
3. **Encourages**, furthermore, all Parties and Signatories to the Agreement to continue their active engagement, individually and collectively, in promoting awareness of IACA's mandate as well as the benefits of its purpose and activities.
4. **Strongly encourages** all Signatories which have not yet ratified the Agreement and United Nations Member States and International Organizations which have not yet acceded to it, to do so at their earliest convenience so that they can enjoy the benefits of full membership, and so that stable geographical diversity can be ensured within all organs of IACA.
5. **Appreciates** the efforts of IACA in upholding the global and inclusive nature of its mandate and in striving for broad and stable partnerships with relevant stakeholders from all sectors; and **encourages** IACA to continue along this successful path.
6. **Calls upon** all organs of IACA, within their mandates, to provide for the effective and efficient implementation of IACA's Work Programme 2014–2016, adopted by the Assembly of Parties during its second session, by Resolution AOP2–Res–1.
7. **Extends its appreciation** to the United Nations Member States, International Organizations, and other donors, which have contributed to IACA by providing financial resources and seconding personnel.
8. **Underlines** the need for further strengthening appropriate financial resources of IACA, which will enable it to become self-sustainable in the long-term perspective, and, therefore, **strongly encourages** all Parties and Signatories to the Agreement, donors from the public and private sector and the international community to support IACA's resources in accordance with the relevant policies and guidelines, on a voluntary basis, taking into account that special emphasis should be given to the provision of a suitably well-funded general budget allocation, allowing IACA to pursue its mission and objectives and to maintain its integrity and independence, and considering the options on alternative ways of contributing to the financial resources of IACA proposed in Strategic Objective 4 of the Work Programme 2014–2016;
9. **Appreciates** the efforts of IACA in taking into due account the highest possible qualifications and principles of staffing policy of IACA, in particular principles of equal opportunities, non-discrimination, gender balance, different legal systems, geographical distribution, rotation and renewal, when selecting qualified participants and lecturers for its programmes and activities; and, therefore, **encourages** donors to consider directing voluntary contributions to, *inter alia*, the provision of scholarships for qualified candidates from developing countries.
10. **Recognizes** that capacity-building activities provided by IACA, which pursues a holistic, interdisciplinary approach in offering anti-corruption education across cultures, disciplines, and sectors, as well as other international actors could further contribute to the achievements of the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations Development Agenda beyond 2015; and **invites** all States to further consider

including a strong anti-corruption component in the final draft of this agenda, including the Sustainable Development Goals, their targets, and means of their implementation.

11. **Invites** the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, to be held in Doha in 2015, to emphasize the crucial role of crime prevention and criminal justice for combatting corruption, which affects all aspects of development and seriously impairs its sustainability.
12. **Takes note** that those combatting corruption have significantly stepped up their efforts, knowledge, and skills in tackling it recently, while recognizing that research into all aspects of corruption and post-secondary anti-corruption education on this matter have so far been rare; and, therefore **encourages** IACA to contribute to meeting the demand for in-depth analyses and training in these fields.
13. **Invites** the Secretariat to share with the relevant regional and international fora, with mandates in the field of preventing and combatting corruption, in particular with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the outcome of this session of the Assembly of Parties.
14. **Takes note** with appreciation of the audit statement of IACA's accounts as conducted by the external auditor and approved by the Board of Governors.
15. **Requests** the relevant organs of IACA to report to the fourth session of the Assembly of Parties on progress made in respect of this Resolution.