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Your Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to inform you that IACA welcomed the New Year with a total of 53 Signatories – a number surpassing that of a vast majority of international organizations. With three ratifications already finalized, IACA will, from a legal point of view, become an international organization on 8 March 2011.

This resounding success highlights the will and commitment of the international community to take joint action in combating corruption and the detrimental effects it has on society as a whole. The IACA Transition Team is honoured to have been given the privilege and mandate to help drive this project forward.

I would also like to take this opportunity to announce that IACA has received a contribution of around two million USD from the Siemens Integrity Initiative for two specific projects over a period of five years. This donation is in compliance with IACA's strict policy on contributions. We thus welcome Siemens as a further important partner and look forward to strengthening cooperation with the private sector.

Furthermore, the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) and IACA signed a Memorandum of Understanding last week, establishing formal cooperation with a view towards achieving their common purposes in combating corruption.

In the next few months, IACA's activities will be centred around the development of programmes and curricula in consultation with external experts. Applications for the International Anti-Corruption Summer Academy 2011 (IACSA) will already open in March 2011.

In concluding, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and utmost appreciation to all Parties, Signatories, Partners, Board Members and stakeholders, as well as to the staff of IACA's International Transition Team, who have helped this vision turn into a driving reality,

Martin Kreutner
(Chair, IACA International Steering Committee)

IACA on the Road to an International Organization

The 53 Signatories landmark reached has made IACA – at least with regard to the number of signatures – one of the most successful international initiatives ever.

Since the Inaugural Conference, 16 additional states and one more international organization have become Parties to the IACA Agreement. They include: Australia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Greece, Iraq, Israel, Moldova, Mozambique, Nigeria, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Turkey and the ICMPD. The first round of signatures closed on 31 December 2010, and as of 1 January 2011 states and international organizations are cordially invited to accede to the IACA Agreement.



Signatories to the IACA Agreement as of 1 January 2011

Moreover, the European Public Law Organization (EPLO), the Republic of Austria, and the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) have already ratified the Founding Agreement and several other Parties are close to completing this process. With three ratifications finalized, IACA will legally become an international organization on 8 March 2011. For the current status of IACA's Signatories, please refer to the following link:

http://www.iaca-info.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=52&Itemid=53

IACA Selected for Funding by the Siemens Integrity Initiative



At the end of 2010, Siemens announced that IACA qualified for a contribution of around 2 million USD as part of the Siemens Integrity Initiative. IACA was one of the initial candidates selected for funding under this global initiative, which has the goal of "supporting organizations and projects dedicated to fighting corruption and fraud through collective action, education and training". The donation is part of the World Bank – Siemens AG comprehensive settlement and is in compliance with IACA's strict policy on contributions.

The Siemens funds are designated for two specific activities over a period of five years: the International Anti-Corruption Summer Academy (IACSA), and the provision of scholarships for students from least developed countries and emerging markets. IACSA, which will take place annually at the Academy's facility in Laxenburg, serves as a platform for strengthening ties with anti-corruption practitioners and networks. The purpose of the scholarship grants is to ensure that students and professionals from less developed parts of the world have the opportunity to take part at the Academy.

Joint UNODC – IACA Training Session

Between 2 and 4 February the United Nations of Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and IACA organized a seminar for 33 civil society organization (CSO) representatives on the review mechanism of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC).

This three-day training session entitled “Looking Beyond Towards a Stronger Partnership with Civil Society Organizations on Drugs and Crime”, took place on the Academy’s campus in Laxenburg and focused on strengthening policy dialogue and partnerships between relevant CSOs, the UNODC and Member States in drugs and crime prevention. In addition to becoming better informed about the key aspects of the UNCAC through a variety of lectures and practical exercises, the participants were familiarized with ways of contributing to country reviews and implementation – knowledge and skills which they can apply at home to facilitate a better understanding of the UNCAC.



Participants from civil society organizations during a joint UNODC-IACA training session in Laxenburg

The International Anti-Corruption Summer Academy



IACA will host the Int. Anti-Corruption Summer Academy

This year’s International Anti-Corruption Summer Academy (IACSA), with the theme “Practice Meets Science”, will convene from 30 June until 9 July at IACA’s facility. IACSA will subsequently carry on the tradition of the previous International Anti-Corruption Summer Schools (IACSS) held in 2007, 2008 and 2009, as well as last year’s alumni meeting.

Anti-corruption practitioners and scientists from all sectors of society will be invited to take part in lectures, training sessions and dialogue. As preparations for IACSA are in their final phase, more detailed information including the curriculum, selection criteria and application procedure, will be published on the IACA website, <www.iaca-info.org>, in mid-March 2011.

IDLO and IACA Join Forces in Combating Corruption

On 8 February 2011, the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) and IACA entered into a Memorandum of Understanding in Rome. This partnership agreement represents the first step toward the establishment of formal cooperation between the two organizations and their development of joint initiatives for preventing and combating corruption. IDLO and IACA are both committed to increasing the transparency and efficiency of public and private institutions, and will work together in supporting countries and the international community in promoting integrity.



IDLO–IACA Signing Ceremony

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