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

The Assembly of Parties,

Recalling the commitment to the *Agreement for the Establishment of the International Anti-Corruption Academy as an International Organization* (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement"),

Welcoming with satisfaction the continuously growing constituency of IACA, currently comprising 73 Parties to the Agreement from all regions and taking note of the organization's growing number of cooperation agreements with relevant stakeholders in the anti-corruption field, which contribute to the fulfillment of IACA's mandate and increase its bilateral and multilateral cooperation with major stakeholders at the international level,

Recalling the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals, especially Goal 16 dedicated to the promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, the provision of access to justice for all, and building effective, accountable institutions at all levels, and its target 16.5 to substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms,

Concerned about the challenges and threats posed by corruption to the stability and security of societies, undermining the institutions and values of democracy, ethics, and justice, and jeopardizing equal opportunities, sustainable development, and the rule of law,

Welcoming the results of the seventh session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), held in Vienna, Austria, between 7-10 November 2017; and *noting with satisfaction* the adoption of Resolution 7/3 entitled "*Promoting technical assistance to support the effective implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption*",

Welcoming further the United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/71/208 of 19 December 2016 entitled "*Preventing and combating corrupt practices and the transfer of proceeds of corruption, facilitating asset recovery and returning such assets to legitimate owners, in particular to countries of origin, in accordance with the United Nations Convention against Corruption*", acknowledging IACA as a centre of excellence for education, training and academic research in the anti-corruption field, including in the area of asset recovery,

Acknowledging IACA's contribution to the implementation of the UNCAC through its academic programmes, trainings, research, and awareness-raising activities related to anti-corruption conducted at the national, regional, and international level,

Commending IACA for providing high-quality anti-corruption programmes and activities to professionals from all regions of the world; and *encouraging* IACA to continue enhancing its services to Parties and Signatories to the Agreement and other stakeholders, taking into account, where appropriate, principles of equal opportunities, non-discrimination, gender balance, different legal systems, and geographical distribution,

Noting with appreciation the accomplishments of the Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS), the first postgraduate programme in anti-corruption studies at the international level, and of the International Master in Anti-Corruption Compliance and Collective Action (IMACC), the first postgraduate programme for anti-corruption compliance and collective action professionals involved with the business sector,

Noting also with appreciation IACA's open and tailor-made trainings in anti-corruption, *Acknowledging* IACA's efforts in delivering its programmes and activities in different parts of the world, including in the form of Regional Summer Academies and tailor-made trainings catering to national, regional, and international stakeholders, thereby contributing to wider geographical participation, and to stronger advocacy of anti-corruption principles and best practices internationally,

Expressing concern about the high level of tuition fees for IACA's programmes, particularly for developing countries,

Recognizing the need for IACA's Secretariat to render IACA's programmes affordable and accessible to professionals from all sectors and regions, including by offering scholarship opportunities for candidates from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and developing countries,

Taking note of the discount scheme that aimed at facilitating and incentivizing participation in IACA's academic degree programmes and open trainings,

Welcoming IACA's Research Fellowship programme, designed for highly qualified and motivated young researchers to conduct innovative research in the areas of anti-corruption, compliance, and/or collective action,

Taking note of IACA's continuous support to its ever-growing alumni network of anti-corruption and compliance professionals around the world,

Welcoming IACA's role as a platform for continued exchange of best practices and expertise on developments in the area of preventing and fighting corruption among the public and private sectors, as well as in academia and civil society,

1. **Welcomes** the accession of Guinea in January 2018 and Mauritius in May 2018 to the Agreement, and the deposit by Paraguay of its instrument of accession to the Agreement in August 2018; and **invites** other United Nations Member States and intergovernmental organizations to accede thereto in order to benefit from full membership in the organization and participate in the work of its governing bodies;
2. **Invites** the Signatories to fulfil the internal procedures in accordance with their national legislation in order to become Parties to the Agreement;
3. **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;
4. **Recognizes** anti-corruption education as an important means for the achievement of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by strengthening

capacity-building, promoting integrity and accountability, and raising awareness of the negative effects of corruption on all sectors of society;

5. **Appreciates** IACA's contribution to global efforts to pursue an inclusive multi-stakeholder approach to preventing and combating corruption through its active involvement in regional and international anti-corruption fora, its capacity-building activities, and its various programmes and trainings;

6. **Underscores** the need for IACA to continue efforts to enhance service delivery to the Parties to the Agreement, including by facilitating their participation in the Academy's academic programmes, and initiatives in the core areas of education, professional training and technical assistance;

7. **Encourages** IACA to seek research collaboration with relevant national and international universities and academic institutions in the area of anti-corruption, and assist professional training academies of relevant law-enforcement agencies of the Parties, upon their request, in designing, implementing, or improving anti-corruption training curricula;

8. **Encourages further** IACA to facilitate and enhance meaningful and result-oriented dialogue and foster cooperation with bilateral and multilateral stakeholders to respond to current challenges in the area of preventing and fighting corruption;

9. **Requests** IACA in its research work and academic programmes to pay special attention to both persistent and developing issues related to anti-corruption;

10. **Invites** IACA to continue spearheading innovative research into all aspects of corruption and to ensure that all the relevant anti-corruption best practices at the global and regional levels are taken into account, adequately reflected, and dealt with in the framework of the relevant programmes and activities of the Academy;

11. **Takes note with appreciation** of IACA's expanded and strengthened activities contributing to research into all aspects of corruption and to post-secondary anti-corruption education, and IACA's increased in-depth analyses and trainings to this end, which contribute to enhancing efforts, knowledge, and skills in tackling corruption at the national, regional, and international levels;

12. **Requests** IACA to carry out research on asset recovery, including the existing legal frameworks, and conduct an analysis on the best practices and challenges with the purpose of fostering the implementation of existing legal regimes, which would contribute also to enhancing international cooperation in the area of asset recovery; in this regard, IACA's academic research on the existing legal responses to corruption, including asset recovery, could be instrumental;

13. **Encourages** all Parties and Signatories to the Agreement and other stakeholders, to use IACA as a capacity-building and technical assistance provider in order to enhance intersectoral dialogue and cooperation with academia, civil society, the private sector, and other international stakeholders to effectively respond to the challenges posed by corruption;

14. **Encourages also** all Parties and Signatories to the Agreement and other stakeholders to continue making full use of IACA as a platform for the exchange of best practices, knowledge, and expertise in the field of anti-corruption;

15. **Invites** IACA to continue developing joint activities and trainings with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), especially with the Secretariat of the

UNCAC, taking into consideration the Cooperation Agreement between the United Nations, represented by UNODC and IACA, signed on 9 November 2012;

16. **Calls upon** all organs of IACA, within their respective mandates, to ensure the effective and efficient implementation of IACA's *Work Programme 2017 - 2020*, as adopted by the Assembly of Parties in Resolution AOP6-Res-1 during its sixth session; and **urges** Parties and Signatories to the Agreement to provide, on a voluntary basis, the necessary support for the implementation of the *Work Programme*;

17. **Encourages** IACA to make efforts, as part of its *discount scheme*, to offer appropriate fee discounts to candidates from developing countries that are Parties to IACA as envisaged in the *Work Programme 2017 - 2020*;

18. **Appreciates** the financial resources, seconded personnel, and in-kind contributions provided by Parties and Signatories to the Agreement, as well as by other donors, which have supported IACA in implementing its mandate;

19. **Underlines** at the same time the importance of providing IACA with sufficient and appropriate financial resources, in conformity with the Agreement, to enable the organization to respond to the increasing demand for its services and to become self-sustainable in the long-term perspective; and **encourages strongly** all Parties and Signatories to the Agreement, and donors from the public and private sectors, to make contributions to IACA on a voluntary basis, taking into account that special emphasis should be given to the provision of a suitably well-funded general budget allocation;

20. **Requests** all Parties and Signatories to the Agreement to consider offering scholarships and/or other types of financial support to their nationals participating in IACA's academic degree programmes and trainings, in conformity with their national legislation;

21. **Invites** Parties and Signatories to the Agreement, and donors from the public and private sectors, to contribute voluntarily to the IACA Scholarship Fund, with the aim of increasing the possibilities for nationals from LDCs and developing countries to attend the organization's programmes and trainings;

22. **Encourages** Parties to the Agreement to take steps to inform those of their nationals who might be interested in participating in IACA's academic degree programmes and open trainings about the benefits of fee discounts;

23. **Calls upon** all Parties and Signatories to the Agreement, and donors from the public and private sectors, to consider alternative ways of voluntarily contributing to the financial resources of IACA that are stipulated in the *Work Programme 2017 - 2020*;

24. **Invites** Parties and Signatories to the Agreement to take the necessary measures, in accordance with their national legislation, in order to recognize IACA's degree programmes, including the academic degrees of MACS and IMACC;

25. **Appreciates** the efforts of IACA in considering the highest possible qualifications and principles of staffing policy at IACA, in particular principles of equal opportunities, non-discrimination, gender balance, different legal systems, geographical distribution, and renewal, when selecting qualified staff, participants, and lecturers for its programmes and activities;

26. **Takes note with appreciation** of the audit statement of IACA's accounts as conducted by the independent external auditors and approved by the Board of Governors;

27. **Invites** the Secretariat to share with the relevant regional and international fora, which have mandates in the field of preventing and combating corruption, the outcome of this session of the Assembly of Parties;

28. **Requests** the relevant organs of IACA to report to the eighth session of the Assembly of Parties on progress made in respect of this Resolution.