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**ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES
SEVENTH SESSION**

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**RESOLUTION
ON STRENGTHENING IACA ACTIVITIES**

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”),

Emphasizing that the anti-corruption capacity-building activities provided by IACA, which pursue a holistic, interdisciplinary approach in offering anti-corruption education and professional training across cultures, disciplines, and sectors, contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, safeguarding human rights, and strengthening the rule of law, and also contribute to implementing the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC),

Recalling the unanimously adopted Resolution AOP5-Res-2 of its fifth session entitled “*Resolution on Financial Stability and Sustainability of the General Budget Allocation for the International Anti-Corruption Academy*”, and the unanimously adopted Resolution AOP6-Res-5 of its sixth session, held in Sharm El-Sheikh (Egypt), entitled “*Resolution on Financial Accountability and Stability of the International Anti-Corruption Academy*”,

Recalling also the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) 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 therein IACA as a centre of excellence for education, training, and academic research in the anti-corruption field, including in the area of asset recovery,

Recalling further UNGA Resolution 72/207 entitled “*Promotion of international cooperation to combat illicit financial flows in order to foster sustainable development*”,

Desiring to further promote the development of IACA’s programmes and activities; and *underlining* the importance of providing IACA with adequate general budget funding pursuant to the Agreement to be able to respond to the increasing demand for its services,

Appreciating voluntary contributions, both financial and in kind, as well as other support provided by Parties to the Agreement and by other donors that have supported IACA in implementing its mandate,

Reaffirming that voluntary contributions should preferably include contributions to the general budget of IACA, and that special emphasis should be given to the provision of a suitably well-defined general budget allocation as reflected in the *Financial Framework* of IACA, adopted by the Provisional Commission on 21 September 2012 as

endorsed in Resolution AOP1-Res-3 of 29 November 2012, and echoed at every subsequent session of the Assembly of Parties, most recently in AOP6-Res-3 of 3 October 2017,

Recalling the strategic objectives of IACA's *Work Programme 2017 - 2020* as adopted by Resolution AOP6-Res-1 of 3 October 2017, and in particular the invitation for Parties to consider alternative ways of fundraising for IACA contained in Strategic Objective "plus 1" of the *Work Programme* on ensuring financial ownership, participation, stability, and sustainability,

Expressing gratitude to Parties to the Agreement which continuously contribute to IACA's financial resources,

Welcoming the contribution of Parties by applying alternative ways of fundraising on the basis of IACA's *Work Programme 2017 - 2020*, including the first ever application of the 'let crime pay' principle, as exemplified in Article 62.2(c) of the UNCAC, and the first ever contribution by a Party to the Agreement for expanding IACA's library; and *hoping* that all Parties and Signatories to the Agreement, as well as other donors, will consider alternative ways to provide financial support to IACA in accordance with their national legislation,

Expressing nevertheless concern about the insufficient funding of IACA's general budget and the difficulties that IACA may face in the implementation of its *Work Programme 2017 - 2020*,

Taking note of the first open-ended expert meeting which took place on 24 September 2018 in Vienna where participants expressed their views on the modalities of the functioning of the proposed open-ended intergovernmental working group on financial resources as envisaged in OP3 of the Resolution AOP6-Res-5,

1. **Encourages** Parties and Signatories to the Agreement and **invites** other stakeholders to assist, where appropriate, the Secretariat in promoting awareness of IACA's mandate as well as the benefits of its purpose and activities, in particular through providing information on available educational opportunities at IACA to relevant entities;
2. **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;
3. **Encourages** all States in a position to do so to actively support the participation of their nationals in IACA's various programmes and activities, including, where appropriate, through providing financial and other support to them;
4. **Invites** Parties and Signatories to the Agreement to take necessary measures, in accordance with their national legislation and international law, in order to recognize IACA's degree programmes, including the academic degrees of Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS) and the International Master in Anti-Corruption Compliance and Collective Action (IMACC);
5. **Calls on** Parties and Signatories to the Agreement, as well as other donors, to first and foremost provide, in accordance with the Agreement, voluntary contributions to the general budget of IACA, which serves as the organization's main financial resource, making it possible to maintain and build up its daily operations and implement the *Work Programme 2017 - 2020*;

6. **Calls also on** Parties and Signatories to the Agreement and other donors, in accordance with the Agreement, to consider making voluntary contributions directed to supporting:

- a. the implementation of tailor-made trainings for representatives of specific regions;
- b. the conduct of Regional Summer Academies;
- c. IACA's scholarship fund, with the aim of increasing the possibilities for nationals from Least Developed Countries and developing countries to attend the organization's programmes and trainings;
- d. IACA's library, as well as the acquisition of educational aids and teaching materials;

7. **Invites** Parties and Signatories to the Agreement and other donors, in accordance with the Agreement, to make available in-kind contributions to IACA, including through, whenever appropriate:

- a. proposing secondment candidates to vacant positions within IACA;
- b. volunteering to host and provide support to the conduct of Regional Summer Academies and modules of IACA's master's programmes;
- c. volunteering to host sessions of the Assembly of Parties;

8. **Invites also** IACA to consider, in cooperation with interested Parties to the Agreement and potential donors, the opening of positions for endowed professorships in order to support specific IACA activities, including training programmes, capacity-building activities, and research projects in the fields of its competence such as in the area of asset recovery, and emerging trends in anti-corruption and compliance;

9. **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;

10. **Invites**, in accordance with Art. XI of the Agreement, Parties and Signatories to the Agreement, as well as other stakeholders, to engage in fundraising activities for IACA, including through organizing joint donor conferences;

11. **Requests** the relevant organs to report on the implementation of this Resolution to the eighth session of the Assembly of Parties.