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**RESOLUTION  
ON THE REPORT OF THE SEVENTH SESSION  
OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES**

The Assembly of Parties,

**Adopts** the report on the seventh session of the Assembly of Parties, as annexed.

# **International Anti-Corruption Academy**

## **Report on the Assembly of Parties**

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## 1. Organizational Matters

### a) Opening of the session

The Assembly of Parties of the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) convened for its seventh session in Vienna, Austria, from 27 to 28 September 2018.

The President of the Bureau of the sixth session of the Assembly, H.E. Mr. Omar Amer Youssef, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the International Organizations in Vienna (African Group), officially opened the session.

H.E. Mr. Youssef said it had been a great honour to serve the Assembly and the anti-corruption community for the last year. He praised the contribution of the Academy's Dean and Executive Secretary and staff, and thanked the outgoing Vice Presidents from Thailand (Asia-Pacific Group) and Austria (Western European and Others Group), the outgoing Rapporteurs from the Czech Republic (Eastern European Group) and Brazil (Latin American and Caribbean Group), and the Extended Bureau for their support and cooperation.

The outgoing President reflected on progress and achievements during his Presidency and thanked delegations for the positive feedback he received regarding the hosting by the Arab Republic of Egypt of the sixth session of the Assembly in Sharm El Sheikh in October 2017.

IACA's Dean and the Executive Secretary to the Assembly of Parties, Mr. Martin Kreutner, was given the floor to present his intervention.

The Executive Secretary updated the Assembly on some of IACA's accomplishments to date, with an emphasis on those since the sixth session of the Assembly.

He informed delegates that IACA currently has a global constituency of 73 Parties following the accession of Guinea and Mauritius to the *Agreement for the Establishment of IACA as an International Organization* since the sixth session of the Assembly. This number will increase to 74 when Paraguay formally becomes a Party in mid-October 2018.

Mr. Kreutner emphasized that the organization continues to receive strong general support at the highest political levels. In June this year the Federal President of IACA's Host Country, Austria, H.E. Dr. Alexander Van der Bellen, praised the Academy's work on his first official visit to its Laxenburg premises, saying "IACA, a truly international centre of excellence in anti-corruption education, is making a major contribution in addressing important global issues and will continue to enjoy Austria's full support." Other high-level Host Country representatives, such as the recently appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Karin Kneissl, have reiterated this view.

Through its academic degree programmes, open (standardized) trainings, and tailor-made trainings, IACA has empowered more than 1,700 anti-corruption and compliance professionals from more than 150 countries, as well as hundreds of

additional participants from its many other activities, including the growing number of IACA webinars. Feedback from students and participants is consistently excellent, he added.

The Executive Secretary emphasized that — courtesy of earmarked donor funds — the Academy, at least in the past, has been able to support more than 20% of its students, coming from LDCs.

He informed the Assembly that IACA's sixth Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS) class starts on 1 October 2018, and that the second edition of the International Master in Anti-Corruption Compliance and Collective Action (IMACC), designed specifically for business professionals, is planned to start in 2019.

Mr. Kreutner also informed the Assembly that preparations are continuing for the launch of IACA's PhD programme — the first international PhD in anti-corruption studies — with a small initial enrolment. The original launch was planned to be implemented already in 2018, but had to be postponed due to a striking lack of resources.

The Executive Secretary said that IACA's Summer Academy, its largest open-enrolment training, has so far empowered more than 500 professionals from about 120 countries. Furthermore, earlier this month IACA delivered a very well-received Regional Summer Academy in Beijing, China, following successful earlier sessions in Argentina, Kuwait, and Uganda.

IACA's customized "tailor-made" trainings continue to see strong demand from around the world, he said. For example, on 26 September 2018 IACA concluded the third such training for professionals from Member States of the Eurasian Economic Union, with the support of the Russian Federation.

Regarding recognition for IACA's programmes and activities, Mr. Kreutner highlighted the explicit tribute in numerous United Nations resolutions, most recently in Resolution 35/25 adopted in June 2017 by the UN General Assembly's Human Rights Council — a body with which IACA remains in close dialogue.

IACA's programmes and their final diplomas are widely recognized under the (EU's and beyond) European Higher Education Area, the so-called "Bologna Process", as well as by many other States and institutions. One of these puts the MACS in the prestigious company of just five other universities around the world: Harvard, Oxford, Johns Hopkins, Duke, and Cambridge.

The Executive Secretary also informed the Assembly that IACA launched a successful Research Fellowship programme in 2017 and has started to publish a number of openly accessible research papers on its website.

Mr. Kreutner stressed that IACA had achieved this with very limited resources. He added that the organization cannot meet rising demand and expectations for its programmes, activities, and services with the means currently at its disposal, in particular the organization's severely underfunded general budget.

In view of this critical situation the Executive Secretary urged the Assembly to take much stronger financial ownership of the organization, including through some of the many alternative ways of fundraising previously proposed by IACA and its organs and discussed with Member States. In this regard he thanked all Member States contributing financially, in particular Liechtenstein, which made the first ever financial contribution to IACA in accordance with the “let crime pay” principle, and Pakistan, which contributed specifically to help upgrade IACA’s library.

In addition, the Executive Secretary invited all constituency members to participate actively in the soon to be established, Member State-owned working group on financial resources and stability, and reiterated the idea of an Additional Protocol to the IACA Agreement that would allow like-minded Member States to further describe and define their commitments. This, he said, would enable IACA to secure more stable, predictable contributions to its general budget rather than the current *de facto* system of “one-off donations”.

b) Election of officers

Due to a last-minute withdrawal from the Western European and Others Group, it was proposed, upon agreement of the Assembly and the readiness of the outgoing President, that he would continue to preside over this session of the Assembly until a different decision was taken.

Until a more permanent composition of the Bureau was agreed, the Assembly unanimously elected the following officers for this session:

President: H.E. Mr. Omar Amer Youssef, Egypt (African Group)

Vice President: H.E. Mr. Víctor Alfredo Veltze Michel, Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (Latin American and Caribbean Group)

Vice President: Mr. Gocha Lordkipanidze, Georgia (Eastern European Group)

Rapporteur: Mr. Charles Oko, Nigeria (African Group)

Rapporteur: Mr. Abdullah N. Al-Obaidi, Kuwait (Asia-Pacific Group)

On the second day (28 September) at the beginning of the afternoon session, on the agreement of all officers involved, the Assembly unanimously elected the following officers for this session:

President: H.E. Mr. Víctor Alfredo Veltze Michel, Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (Latin American and Caribbean Group)

Vice President: H.E. Mr. Dong-ik Shin, Republic of Korea (Asia-Pacific Group)

Vice President: Mr. Gocha Lordkipanidze, Georgia (Eastern European Group)

Rapporteur: Mr. Charles Oko, Nigeria (African Group)

Rapporteur: Mr. Abdullah N. Al-Obaidi, Kuwait (Asia-Pacific Group)

The outgoing President handed over to the incoming President, congratulated him on his election, and wished him every success. The incoming President thanked the Assembly for the responsibility and trust it had shown towards him, thanked the outgoing President for his excellent work, and pledged his full support for the work of the Assembly.

c) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The Assembly unanimously adopted the agenda.

The following Parties were represented at this session: Afghanistan, Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Chile, China, Cote d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Finland, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Turkey, International Organization for Migration (IOM).

d) Participation of observers

The Executive Secretary informed the room that 20 Observers (three Signatories and 17 non-Signatories) were taking part in this session.

The following Signatories were represented: Kenya, Libya, Yemen.

The following non-Signatories were represented: Algeria, Bangladesh, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Lao People's Democratic Republic, Morocco, Myanmar, Oman, Qatar, Sierra Leone, Uzbekistan, Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), World Bank.

e) Adoption of the report of the Bureau on credentials

The Executive Secretary disclosed that 59 out of 61 Parties were fully accredited to participate at this session, the session thus having a quorum.

The Assembly adopted the report of the Bureau on credentials without objections.

f) General discussion

National statements were delivered by the following high-level representatives, in chronological order: H.E. Mr. Qun Wang, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the International Anti-Corruption Academy, Chair

of the Asia-Pacific Group; H.E. Datuk Liew Vui Keong, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department for Legal Affairs of Malaysia; H.E. Mr. Abdulrahman Al-Nemash, Counselor and Chairman of Kuwait Anti-Corruption Authority; H.E. Mr. Omer Ahmed Mohamed Ahmed, Attorney General of the Republic of Sudan; H.E. Ms. Pak Un Jong, Chairperson of the Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission of the Republic of Korea; H.E. Mr. Vusal Huseynov, Chief of the State Migration Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan; Mr. Alik Shpekbayev, Chairman of the Agency of the Republic of Kazakhstan for Civil Service Affairs and Anti-Corruption; Mr. Chen Ruiwu, Party Secretary and Associate Dean of China Academy of Discipline Inspection and Supervision (CADIS); H.E. Andrey Avetisyan, Ambassador at Large for International Anti-Corruption Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; H.E. Ambassador Ahmet Muhtar Gün, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Turkey to the International Anti-Corruption Academy; H.E. Ambassador Helmut Tichy, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Austria to the International Anti-Corruption Academy; H.E. Ambassador Bakyt Dzhusupov, Permanent Representative of the Kyrgyz Republic to the International Anti-Corruption Academy; H.E. Ambassador Gloria Navarrete, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Chile to the International Anti-Corruption Academy; H.E. Ambassador Mansoor Ahmad Khan, Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the International Anti-Corruption Academy; H.E. Ambassador Rafael Mariano Grossi, Permanent Representative of the Argentine Republic to the International Anti-Corruption Academy; H.E. Ambassador Khojesta Fana Ebrahimkhel, Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the International Anti-Corruption Academy; H.E. Ambassador Vivian Okeke, Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the International Anti-Corruption Academy; Mr. Witjaksono Adji, Deputy Chief of Mission, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the International Organizations in Vienna; Mr. Muhannad Alshahman, Counsellor and Deputy of the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Iraq to the International Organizations in Vienna; Mrs. Natasha Pinheiro Agostini Penha Brasil, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Federative Republic of Brazil to the International Organizations in Vienna; Mr. Claudio Nardi, First Secretary, Office of Foreign Affairs of the Principality of Liechtenstein; Mr. Marco Negrete Jimenez, Third Secretary, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the International Organizations in Vienna; Dr. Nassar Abaalkhail, Head of International Collaboration, National Anti-Corruption Commission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; H.E. Mr. Mohammed Benabdelkader, Minister Delegate to the Head of Government responsible for the Reform of the Administration and the Civil Service of the Kingdom of Morocco; Mr. Billel Hassani, Alternate Permanent Representative of People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to the International Organizations in Vienna; Ms. Ermelinda Meksi, Deputy Co-Ordinator of Economic and Environmental Activities of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Head of Economic Activities.

The Vice President from Bolivia (Plurinational State of) presided over the session starting with the statement given by the representative of Austria until part way through agenda item 2 below. The outgoing President from Egypt (African Group) then resumed, before handing over to the incoming President from Bolivia (Plurinational State of) following the adoption of the *Resolution on Elections to the Board of Governors* (Doc #: AOP7-Res-5) under agenda item 6 below.

During the lunch break IACA, the Federal Bureau of Anti-Corruption of the Republic of Austria, and the International Organization for Migration organized a side event on “Assessing and Addressing the Impact of Corruption on Migration”.

The representatives of Argentina, Austria, Indonesia, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, and the Russian Federation mentioned their respective countries’ financial contributions and/or staff secondments to IACA over the past year(s).

The representative of Austria emphasized that his country has made considerable financial contributions to IACA’s general budget over the years and called on other Parties to help put the organization on a more stable and sustainable financial basis.

The representative of Afghanistan said her country would like to make small financial contributions to IACA.

The representative of Brazil announced that her country will make its first financial contribution to IACA.

The representative of Kazakhstan expressed his country’s willingness to host the eighth session of the Assembly of Parties in 2019. The representative of the Russian Federation said his country welcomed this initiative.

The representative of China informed the Assembly that the IACA Regional Summer Academy – East and Southeast Asia took place in Beijing from 9 to 16 September 2018.

The representative of Kuwait informed the Assembly that the IACA Regional Summer Academy – Middle East took place in Kuwait City in December 2017, co-organized with the Kuwait Anti-Corruption Authority.

The representatives of Brazil and Malaysia commended the in-class parts of IACA’s MACS modules that were previously hosted in Brasilia and Kuala Lumpur, respectively.

The representative of Kuwait said his country was working to accredit IACA degrees.

The representative of the Russian Federation announced that his country will continue to support the training for representatives of Eurasian Economic Union Member States, which has had three editions to date.

The representative of Chile said her country’s Office of the Comptroller General would be ready to assist if IACA wished to organize a regional seminar.

The representative of Pakistan encouraged the Assembly to strengthen IACA’s library.

The representative of Kazakhstan informed the Assembly that his country's Agency for Civil Service Affairs and Anti-Corruption signed a memorandum of understanding with IACA in May 2018.

The representative of Saudi Arabia informed the Assembly that his country's National Anti-Corruption Commission (Nazaha) previously signed a memorandum of understanding with IACA.

The representative of the OSCE praised the excellent work of IACA in the area of anti-corruption.

Representatives voiced their strong support for IACA and underlined the importance of its global work in anti-corruption education, research, capacity-building, networking, and cooperation.

Several delegations emphasized the need for IACA to enhance service delivery to the constituency in the core areas of anti-corruption education, research, and training, subject to the availability of resources.

Representatives gave strongly positive feedback on the quality and relevance of IACA's academic degree programmes, open trainings, and tailor-made trainings, including those in which professionals from their respective countries had participated since the sixth session of the Assembly.

Many representatives expressed appreciation for the geographically diverse participation in IACA's programmes and trainings, supported by scholarships for professionals from LDCs. Some delegations encouraged IACA to consider increasing the range of applicable scholarships.

Member States broadly commended IACA for its achievements and global recognition in spite of the Academy's limited resources, underscored the necessity of a suitably well-funded general budget, and indicated desires for increased cooperation, including with regard to the organization's financial resources and stability.

Representatives also thanked the Board of Governors, the Dean, and all IACA staff for their commitment and achievements amid financial and human resource constraints.

## **2. IACA's Development: report by the relevant organs; review and discussion**

Dr. Eduardo Vetere, Chairperson of the Board of Governors, shared the Board's report on the progress of IACA's activities, pursuant to Article VI (2) i of the *Agreement for the Establishment of IACA as an International Organization*. He provided a synopsis of the Organ's work and the major decisions made since the sixth session of the Assembly in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, in 2017.

The Chairperson of the Board of Governors praised the leadership of the Dean and Executive Secretary, and the efforts of IACA's staff. However, he emphasized that

the *Work Programme 2017 – 2020* cannot be fully implemented with IACA's current level of human and financial resources, and in particular the enormous and persistent shortfall in its general budget allocations.

Dr. Vetere thanked those Member States that had contributed to IACA's general budget since the last session of the Assembly in October 2017, namely Argentina, Azerbaijan, China, Hungary, Kuwait, Lichtenstein, Malaysia, Mongolia, Pakistan, Romania, Russian Federation, and Slovakia. He also expressed his gratitude to the Republic of Korea for supporting IACA with seconded staff.

Furthermore, he said, IACA had this year begun receiving contributions under some of the many alternative ways of fundraising previously proposed by the Board and the Secretariat and discussed with Member States. In this connection he thanked Liechtenstein for making the first ever financial contribution to IACA in accordance with the "let crime pay" principle, and Pakistan, which earlier this year made a contribution specifically to help upgrade IACA's library.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, Dr. Vetere expressed his utmost gratitude to Austria, the Host Country of IACA, for its generous and continued financial support to IACA through the years, and made a strong appeal to the Host Country to continue to play a leadership role in preserving the organization's existence.

In this context he recalled Resolution AOP6-Res-5, adopted by the Assembly at its sixth session, which stressed the importance of establishing an open-ended intergovernmental working group on financial matters. He emphasized that the working group should not duplicate or triplicate functions that are already in place, nor overburden IACA with additional workload, but should try to explore ways to increase the ownership of States Parties, encouraging them to become more involved in IACA, as well as to be more generous in providing additional resources.

He urged IACA's constituency to make concrete resource commitments in order to put the Academy on a more stable and sustainable financial footing, adding that small, recurring financial contributions from all Parties — as opposed to one-off donations — would help considerably in this regard.

The Chairperson of the Board of Governors shared with the Assembly the findings regarding the accounts of the financial year 2017 by IACA's Independent External Auditors following the approval of their report by the Board at its meeting in June 2018.

In their result and findings the Independent External Auditors concluded that "IACA's Financial Statements for 2017 were prepared in accordance with the Organization's Accounting Policy and supported with sufficient documentation, figures were presented in line with the numbers in the ledger sheet, Revenues and Expenses were supported by evidence that they were administered adequately, and expenses were obliged in accordance with the applied IACA internal rules".

However, Dr. Vetere continued, the Independent External Auditors stated that "The use of deferred income in 2017 poses the Academy under the risk of insolvency unless a necessary amount of voluntary contributions in accumulated in 2018."

Unfortunately, he said, the amount of such voluntary contributions received in 2018 did not sufficiently materialize and therefore “the risk of insolvency” could become a threatening reality in just a few weeks.

Referring to agenda item 6 on Elections of members of the Board of Governors, Dr. Vetere emphasized the nature and importance of membership of this body. He also thanked those members whose service on the Board will end at these elections for all their commitment and valuable contributions to IACA over many years.

The President thanked the Chairperson for his Report. There were no interventions from the floor.

### **Second Day (28 September)**

#### **3. Work Programme (progress)**

The Dean and Executive Secretary introduced a presentation of IACA’s programmes and activities and progress of the Academy’s core areas of work. This took the form of a series of short interventions from a panel of IACA staff and alumni from around the world.

The President thanked the panellists for the comprehensive introduction to IACA’s programmes and activities.

There being no interventions from the floor, the President then adjourned the session to allow more time for informal consultations regarding the future composition of the Board of Governors and the hosting of the next sessions of the Assembly.

IACA hosted a panel discussion on “Corruption Kills: Corruption and Aid”, with the aim of assessing the impact of corruption in the aid sector and identifying the major challenges in preventing and combating it.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the International Organizations in Vienna hosted a side event on “Governance for Sustainable Development: Building Transparency and Accountability in Kazakhstan”.

#### **4. Fundraising Activities/Financial Stability of IACA**

Discussion of this agenda item was postponed until after agenda item 6.

#### **5. Budget 2019**

Discussion of this agenda item was postponed until after agenda item 6.

## 6. Elections of members of the Board of Governors

The Assembly of Parties unanimously adopted the *Resolution on Elections to the Board of Governors* (Doc #: AOP7-Res-5).

### **Fundraising Activities/Financial Stability of IACA** (original agenda item 4)

Recalling Resolution AOP6-Res-5 adopted by the sixth session of the Assembly, the Executive Secretary reiterated the invitation to all Member States to join the open-ended intergovernmental working group on financial matters.

The representatives of Egypt and the Russian Federation welcomed the results of the open-ended expert meeting on 24 September regarding this working group and suggested that the working group's Terms of Reference could potentially be modelled after those for the Standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the UNODC.

### **Budget 2019** (original agenda item 5)

The Executive Secretary recalled that the Secretariat had shared the budget proposal for 2019 with all Parties well in advance of this session. He emphasized that the proposal is an aspirational budget, adding that IACA would only be in a position to deliver its services if given the resources to do so.

The representatives of China, Mexico, and the Russian Federation called on the Secretariat to provide more detailed information on income (other than from programme courses and events) and expenses and to reflect the balance.

The representatives of China, Mexico, and the Russian Federation asked the Secretariat to further continue its efforts to ensure the transparent and effective use of available resources.

Some delegations mentioned the discussions under agenda item 4 above and referred to the open-ended intergovernmental working group on financial matters as one means of further discussing how to put IACA's finances on a more sustainable footing.

The Assembly of Parties unanimously adopted the *Resolution on the IACA Budget 2019* (Doc #: AOP7-Res-1).

## 7. Other Matters

The representative of the Republic of Korea thanked the outgoing and incoming Presidents, the Dean and Executive Secretary and Secretariat, and the chair of the Asia-Pacific Regional Group.

The Executive Secretary expressed his thanks and appreciation to all Parties for working to reach consensus, and thanked the Asia-Pacific Group for working intensively on a formula that allowed the Assembly to proceed with successful deliberations.

At the request of Parties and the Secretariat, the Executive Secretary sought the understanding of Member States, for the sake of having a clear basis for decision-making, that deadlines being decided by the Assembly and Extended Bureau are being observed by all Member States to ensure smooth procedures.

## **8. Provisional Agenda for the eighth session of the Assembly**

The Executive Secretary informed the Assembly that Georgia and Kazakhstan had both expressed interest in hosting the eighth session of the Assembly in 2019. He said that he had now been informed that Georgia had shown willingness to welcome Kazakhstan's wish to host the eighth session of the Assembly and, therefore, had decided not to pursue its intention to host the eighth session, wishing Kazakhstan all the best with preparations and successful outcomes.

The representative of Kazakhstan thanked Parties for their support. He thanked Georgia for withdrawing its offer to host the eighth session and said his country would support Georgia if the latter wished to host a future session of the Assembly.

The Assembly of Parties unanimously adopted the *Resolution on the Convening and Agenda of the Eighth Session of the Assembly of Parties* (Doc #: AOP7-Res-6).

The Assembly of Parties unanimously adopted the *Resolution on Strengthening IACA Activities* (Doc #: AOP7-Res-3), tabled by Austria and co-sponsored by Malaysia and the Russian Federation.

The Assembly of Parties unanimously adopted the *Resolution on General Matters* (Doc #: AOP7-Res-2), tabled by Kazakhstan and co-sponsored by Austria, Malaysia, and the Russian Federation.

The Assembly of Parties unanimously adopted the *Resolution on Strengthening the Library of the International Anti-Corruption Academy* (Doc #: AOP7-Res-4), tabled by Pakistan and co-sponsored by Argentina, Austria, Brazil, China, Egypt, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nigeria, the Russian Federation, and Turkey.

## **9. Adoption of the Report of the Assembly on its seventh session**

The Assembly of Parties unanimously adopted the *Resolution on the Report of the Seventh Session of the Assembly of Parties* (Doc #: AOP7-Res-7).