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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"),

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,

Recalling the Resolution A/RES/68/122, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 16 December 2013, with which the General Assembly expressed its wish to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the International Anti-Corruption Academy, and decided to invite the International Anti-Corruption Academy to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer,

Recalling further 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,

Referring to the United Nations Special Session of the General Assembly against corruption 2021 and the Political Declaration adopted entitled "Our common commitment to effectively addressing challenges and implementing measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation", particularly paragraph 66 which calls for the strengthening of anti-corruption efforts, inter alia, through education, and for IACA to strengthen its cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) with full respect of its mandate,

Acknowledging in this context IACA's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) through its academic programmes, trainings, research, and awareness-raising activities related to anti-corruption conducted at the national, regional, and international levels,

Acknowledging further the need for IACA to maintain closer contacts with the United Nations Headquarters in New York/USA and Geneva/Switzerland in order to increase its visibility and engagement in the anti-corruption work of the United Nations,

Commending IACA for providing high-quality anti-corruption and compliance 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,

Commending further the growing involvement of IACA in the activities of the G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group, in particular its contribution in discussions on anti-corruption capacity-building activities, research, and the efforts to develop tools for the measurement of corruption,

Welcoming the growing cooperation of IACA with the OECD, particularly its Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions,

Welcoming further 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,

Commending IACA for having initiated various new programmes, training and technical assistance activities, including its first master's programme in Spanish,

Welcoming the creation of the Anti-Corruption Collective Action Impact Centre designed to provide educational services, promote research, and foster the practical implementation of Collective Action initiatives and the launching of the Anti-Corruption Collective Action Certificate (ACA), through which the Centre promotes the practical implementation of collective action based on a tailored methodology and close guidance,

Appreciating the successful implementation of IACA's various tailor-made and open trainings, such as the International Anti-Corruption Summer Academy, the International Anti-Corruption Summer School for Students and Young People, and instructor-led and self-paced online trainings,

Recognizing the need for IACA's programmes and activities to be affordable and accessible to professionals from all sectors and regions,

Taking note of the activities of IACA Dedicated Scholarship Programmes to support students to participate in IACA's programmes and specifically to empower women in least developed countries (LDCs) through education and training, both of which aim to support the inclusive participation from all IACA Parties and beyond, especially for those who cannot afford to receive world class education and training in anti-corruption,

Commending the efforts of IACA to develop research activities, particularly those devoted to the role of anti-corruption measures in the achievement of SDGs, typologies of corruption offences, integrity and compliance in the business sector, humanitarian aid activities, and sports,

Appreciating the Academy for the implementation of anti-corruption compliance management systems, the evaluation of integrity and compliance programmes by organizations, business associations, prosecutors and judges,

Expressing gratitude to IACA for the support provided to the Global Anti-Corruption Cities Network, which is expected to provide a platform for mutual support for cities and other local governments in order to improve their ability to mitigate corruption effectively and efficiently,

Appreciating voluntary financial and in-kind contributions as well as other support provided by Parties to the Agreement and by other donors to facilitate the implementation of the mandate of the organization,

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

Expressing also special gratitude to the Siemens Integrity Initiative for their sustained support since 2011, particularly in the framework of the current Golden Stretch round, which has enabled students from LDCs as defined by the United Nations, and for citizens from IACA Parties listed under the World Bank Classification of Countries by Income as the lower-middle- and upper-middle-income economies to participate in IACA's activities and academic programmes and the opportunity to bring the concept of the International Anti-Corruption Summer Academy to different regions of the world,

Underlining the importance of providing IACA with adequate budget funding pursuant to the Agreement to be able to implement its mandated activities,

Taking note of the existing scheme of incentives and rewards, which establishes a clear link between financial support to IACA and the types and extent of benefits and discounts enjoyed by the donor Parties and, when appropriate, their nationals,

Acknowledging the efforts of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Financial Matters and other Administrative and Substantive Aspects of IACA Activities to

identify measures to enhance IACA's financial stability, and recalling its resolution AOP10-Res-3 of 7 October 2021, entitled *Reinforcing the Independent External Audit and Enhancing Financial Transparency of the International Anti-Corruption Academy*,

Taking further note of the continuously growing constituency of IACA, currently comprised of 80 Parties to the Agreement, including both States from all regions as well as International Organizations, and the growing number of cooperation frameworks between IACA and relevant stakeholders in the anti-corruption field,

Expressing satisfaction with IACA's continuous support to its ever-growing alumni network of anti-corruption and compliance professionals, comprised of almost 4,500 professionals from around the globe,

Congratulating IACA for its strong response and adaptation to the circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic and *welcoming* the gradual return to an online delivery of trainings and classes,

1. **Invites** those of the United Nations Member States and intergovernmental organizations who have not done it yet to accede to the IACA Agreement in order to benefit from full membership in the organization and participate in the work of its governing bodies;
2. **Invites further** the Signatories to the Agreement 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. **Calls** on the international community to intensify dialogue on the challenges and measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation; **reconfirms** in this respect that investing in anti-corruption education, training, and research is a key means for the achievement of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, strengthening capacity-building, promoting integrity and accountability, and raising awareness of the negative effects of corruption on all sectors of society;
5. **Encourages** all Parties and Signatories to the Agreement and other stakeholders to use IACA as a first-choice 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;
6. **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;
7. **Invites** IACA to identify opportunities for increased cooperation with related regional and international organizations;
8. **Calls upon** IACA to enhance its cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and other relevant United Nations entities, particularly with a view to developing further joint activities to facilitate the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) and enhance the effectiveness of inter-agency coordination and cooperation in preventing and combating corruption; and in this context **approves** the establishment of a Permanent Observer Office for IACA to United Nations Office at Geneva and **requests** the Dean and Executive Secretary to take all necessary actions in this regard, including by providing a cost-benefit analysis in two years about the functioning of the Offices in New York and Geneva;
9. **Calls further on** the Parties and other stakeholders to assist the Academy, including through providing necessary financial support, in:

- enhancing 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;
 - developing its research capacities, ensuring that all the best and relevant anti-corruption practices at the global and regional levels are taken into account, adequately reflected, and dealt with in the framework of the pertinent programmes and activities of the Academy, as well as seeking research collaboration with relevant national and international universities and academic institutions in the area of anti-corruption, developing the IACA's Global Research Network and an open online repository of research on anti-corruption, compliance and collective action, and assisting professional training academies of relevant law-enforcement agencies of the Parties, upon their request, in designing, implementing, or improving anti-corruption training curricula;
 - enhancing meaningful and result-oriented dialogue and fostering cooperation with bilateral and multilateral stakeholders to respond to current challenges in the area of preventing and fighting corruption;
10. **Encourages strongly** all Parties and Signatories to the Agreement as well as donors from the public and private sectors to make contributions to IACA on a voluntary basis, taking into account the inclusion of IACA in the OECD's Annex 2 list of ODA-eligible international organisations, and that special emphasis should be given to the provision of a suitably well-funded budget allocation; furthermore, **invites** them to provide such contributions on a multi-annual basis in order to increase predictability of funds in line with Article XI of the Agreement;
 11. **Encourages** further the relevant organs of IACA to undertake all measures they are requested to implement in its resolution AOP10-Res-3 on "Reinforcing the Independent External Audit and Enhancing Financial Transparency of the International Anti-Corruption Academy" to ensure that IACA's financial administration is guided by the principles of integrity, accountability and transparency, and that IACA's activities, operations and daily tasks are conducted in a transparent, effective and efficient manner, and asks the Dean to report on the activities undertaken in this regard to the twelfth and subsequent sessions of the Assembly of Parties;
 12. **Encourages also** Parties to the Agreement to actively support the participation of their nationals in IACA's various academic degree programmes, open trainings, and other activities, including through financial and other support to them, and to take steps to inform those of their nationals who might be interested in participating in such programmes and activities about the benefits under the existing preferential treatment arrangements, including about the relevant fee discounts;
 13. **Invites** Parties and Signatories to the Agreement as well as 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 as defined by the United Nations, and for citizens from IACA Parties listed under the World Bank Classification of Countries by Income as the lower-middle- and upper-middle-income economies to attend the organization's programmes and trainings;
 14. **Encourages further** all Parties to the Agreement as well as donors from the public and private sectors to voluntarily support the Dedicated Scholarship Programmes "Empowering women through education in the fight against corruption" and Dedicated Scholarship Programme "Anti-Corruption and Diplomacy";
 15. **Requests** all Parties and Signatories to the Agreement as well as other stakeholders to consider volunteering to host and provide support to the sessions of the Assembly, IACA Regional Summer Academies, modules of its master's programmes, and other activities;

16. **Invites** Parties and Signatories to the Agreement to promote and support IACA in all relevant regional and international organizations;
17. **Encourages** to Parties and Signatories to the Agreement, if necessary, to take measures in accordance with their national legislation in order to recognize IACA's degree programmes, including the academic degrees of MACS, IMACC, MACD, and MACC;
18. **Appreciates** the efforts of IACA in considering the highest possible qualifications and principles of staffing policy, 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;
19. **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;
20. **Requests** the Board of Governors to timely provide the summaries of its deliberations to the Parties after each of its meetings;
21. **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;
22. **Requests** the relevant organs of IACA to report to the twelfth session of the Assembly of Parties on progress made in respect of this Resolution.
