



To all IACA Parties and Signatories

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Your Excellencies,

Further to our previous communication (IACA Note Verbale IACA-2021-ER-0058, dated 13 April 2021), I would like to invite all IACA Parties and Signatories, including your country or organization, to attend **the tenth session of the Assembly of Parties (AoP) of the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA)**, which is planned in a hybrid format (in person and online) in Vienna, on Thursday, 7 October 2021, from 10:00 to 18:00 (Vienna time zone), at the Vienna International Centre (VIC), in Board Room C (BR-C) of the C-building, and online.

Due to the limitations related to the COVID-19 pandemic which the VIC shall observe, the IACA Parties and Signatories are hereby informed that one representative per delegation will be able to attend the session in person in BR-C. The Secretariat highly recommend that the representatives who will attend in person are part of their diplomatic representations in Vienna (who have already an UN ground pass access to the VIC), except the representatives of Parties and Signatories without diplomatic representations in Vienna. Up to five representatives of each of the IACA Parties and Signatories will also have the possibility to attend the session in an online format, using the Teams platform.

Please find enclosed the agenda of this session. Additional documentation and logistical information, including the annotated provisional agenda and the draft programme of the session, will be electronically available in due course on our website, in the Assembly of Parties section:

<https://www.iaca.int/who-we-are/governance/assembly-of-parties.html>

Pursuant to Article V of the *Agreement for the Establishment of the International Anti-Corruption Academy as an International Organization* (the IACA Agreement), the Assembly serves as a forum for the Parties to consult on the overall policy of the organization and on other matters of interest. Please observe that due to the hybrid format and related time limitations, the time allocated for general statements by delegations under the agenda item on “General discussion” is limited to the morning session of the AoP. Therefore, the statements should be limited to maximum three minutes in order to allow for all interested representatives to speak. Please inform the Secretariat as soon as possible about your intention to speak under the agenda item on “General discussion”.

In accordance with Chapter VI of the AoP Rules of Procedure (RoP), delegations are required to submit credentials to attend the AoP with full powers. The duly accredited

Permanent Representatives of IACA Parties may notify the Assembly of the composition of their country's delegation and issue credentials thereto.

In accordance with Rule 22 of the RoP, at the opening of each session, a President, two Vice-Presidents, and two Rapporteurs should be elected from among the representatives of the Parties that are present at the session. Taking into consideration the principle of rotation among the regional groups, it is suggested that the Presidency should be assumed by a representative of the EEG, the two Vice-Presidents should come from Asia Pacific and African groups, and the Rapporteurs from the WEOG and GRULAC.

Informal rounds of consultations among IACA's constituency to discuss draft resolutions are intended to be organized remotely in preparation for the session.

The Secretariat will continue to monitor the situation related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will provide timely updates to registered participants and on the website of the session with respect to any necessary changes to the above arrangements and possible restrictions affecting access to the Vienna International Centre.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration,



Encl.: as stated