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Mister President,  
Ministers, Your Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Before I brief you on the recent activities of IACA, I wish to thank the outgoing Bureau of the Assembly, under the leadership of Ambassador Šramek, and the Chairpersons of the Regional Groups, for their continued support of IACA's activities. At the same time, I offer my congratulations to the incoming Bureau and reaffirm the Secretariat's full support for its work.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Board of Governors, including its Chairperson, Ms. Patricia Ximena Arriagada Villouta, and Vice Chairperson Mr. Mathias Vogl, who replaced Mr. Alexey Konov and Mr. Guo Yong respectively in May.

My thanks also go to the International Senior Advisory Board and International Academic Advisory Board for their continued support and advice.

Distinguished Delegates,

Prompted by the Covid-19 pandemic, 2022 saw the continuation of IACA's transition where the Academy had a chance to reinvent itself, look for new opportunities, enhance its educational and research activities, and broaden its partnership and cooperation networks.

In this context, let me quickly brief you on some of our accomplishments since the last year's AoP:

- The Academy currently has a community of almost 4500 alumni from nearly 170 countries and jurisdictions.

- The implementation of online master's programs continued, and new programs have been designed and launched. After two years of online education, hybrid programs combining online classes and face-to-face participation have, once again, been initiated.
- The Academy launched its Anti-Corruption Collective Action Certificate (ACA) programme in the framework of the newly established Anti-Corruption Collective Action Impact Centre.
- After the successful start of instructor-led open online courses in 2021, IACA has delivered numerous trainings this year. Various tailor-made and open trainings have been completed. Hundreds of anti-corruption practitioners and compliance officers from diverse regions have been trained.
- Tailor-made and open training programmes have continued to be offered virtually, but we also restarted face-to-face activities. It is worth noting that we registered a high demand for face-to-face tailor-made trainings. In particular, over 120 persons participated in in-house tailor-made trainings within the last two months alone.
- Turning to research, IACA published a second revised edition of an Overview of Anti-Corruption Compliance Standards and Guidelines. We started research on Integrity and Compliance in the Humanitarian Aid Sector and Integrity and Compliance in Sports and launched a new Global Programme on Measuring Corruption.
- The Academy also developed a concept and created an IT framework for the IACA's Repository of Research on Anti-Corruption, Compliance and Collective Action (the IACA's Repository). Recently, the IACA's team started entering publications into the system. In the future, this platform will be publicly accessible and will contribute to the development of new ideas and the debate on the future of global efforts in the field of anti-corruption and compliance.

- IACA continues to provide support to the Global Anti-Corruption Cities Network. This network was launched to provide a platform for mutual support for cities and other local governments to improve their ability to mitigate corruption effectively and efficiently.
- With the support of the Siemens Integrity Initiative, IACA continues to award scholarships to professionals from least developed and developing countries. Since the last Assembly, the Academy provided 25 scholarships to MACS, IMACC, and MACD students. 28 scholarships were offered to IACSA 2022 participants and 13 to those who took part in the Regional Summer Academy in Asia.

Feedback on our programmes and trainings continues to be as positive as ever and reflects the high quality of the education we provide.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

IACA continues to manage its resources to the highest standards of integrity, accountability, and transparency under several layers of scrutiny, including an independent external audit. According to the Audit Report for the year 2021, “the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of IACA as of December 31, 2021”, and transactions of IACA, in all significant respects, comply with IACA’s financial regulations and rules.

In this context, I would like to remind you that at the last session of the Assembly, the *Resolution on Reinforcing the Independent External Audit and Enhancing Financial Transparency of the International Anti-Corruption Academy* was adopted.

The Secretariat was coordinating the implementation of this Resolution with the Board of Governors and the Chairperson of the *Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Financial Matters and Other Administrative and Substantive Aspects of IACA Activities*, with the following outcomes:

- As requested by the Assembly, the Secretariat presented the audit report for the audit year 2021 well before the requested deadline of one month before this Session and will make efforts to do so in the years to come.
- As I informed you before, the spokesperson of the external auditors is present at this Session of the Assembly, to deliver a report. The Secretariat will ensure, within the remit of its capabilities, that this will also be the case in future sessions of the AoP.
- Regarding the implementation of IPSAS standards, I must note with concern that, besides other deficits in human resources, IACA did not have sufficient funds available to hire an expert, required for such a transition. Therefore, we decided to publish a vacancy for secondments under IACA's Staff Rules, which would be funded by the respective seconding authority, to support the implementation of IPSAS in 2023 and 2024. I am glad to inform you that we received candidates and we have already started the recruitment procedures. They should be concluded by the end of the year.
- Moreover, I was informed by the Chair of the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Financial Matters and Other Administrative and Substantive Aspects of IACA Activities that contact has been established with the Chair of the Standing Open-Ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Improving the Governance and Financial Situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) regarding the implementation of operative paragraph 8 of the Resolution and particularly a possibility to organize a consultative meeting involving co-chairs of both groups. Further discussions on this point are expected in the first quarter of 2023.

In respect of the remaining requests or recommendations made by the Assembly in this Resolution, we have coordinated with the Board of Governors. I understand that the latter will convey a separate report on the implementation of this Resolution to this Session.

Finally, let me restate my commitment, as the head of this organization, that IACA will continue to abide by the highest standards of transparency and accountability in all its operations, including in determining the budgets of its projects, and to work closely with donors throughout the planning, design, and implementation phases to ensure that the allocated resources are used effectively and in line with the goals agreed between IACA and these donors.

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I would like to emphasize our gratitude to the Parties and stakeholders who provided their financial support to the Academy. Their generosity made it possible for the Academy to maintain and enhance its activities. Our heartfelt thanks go to those who donated to IACA over the last year. These are Armenia, Chile, China, Cyprus, Finland, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Pakistan, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Kingdom of Thailand, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Korea, and the Russian Federation. We are also grateful to private donors, particularly Siemens and KBA Foundation.

This being said, let me remind you that at the previous session of the Assembly, I mentioned that while all the contributions we receive are very much appreciated, the resources coming in are simply not sufficient for the Academy to meet its potential. Sadly, these words are even more relevant today than they were in October last year.

The staffing situation of the Academy is improving, yet we continue to experience serious deficits in this respect, particularly if one takes into consideration the growing volume of our activities. Today, in addition to the Dean, IACA has 26 staff members (including 1 extra-budgetary staff and 4 members of the measurement of corruption project - the latter currently being funded by the Oversight and Anti-Corruption Authority of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia). Furthermore, IACA employs five individual contractors and has one Büroing contract, hired as cleaning personnel. Finally, we currently have eight interns who are supporting our activities.

Against this background, I wish to appeal to all the Parties and other stakeholders to consider contributing to our general budget. If every party commits to a small annual contribution, IACA would not suffer serious financial setbacks, as is the case today. With reliable and regular donations, the Academy could find the stability that would allow us to move towards self-sustainability.

Mr. President,

To conclude, I wish to stress that in the last year, IACA continued its transition and adaptation to new realities forced upon us by recent developments, including the Covid-19 pandemic. The organization became stronger and its activities more sustainable. The relevance of IACA is growing in the international arena as illustrated by the active role the Academy has played during the recent UN General Assembly session, where we took an active part in various debates, including in three committees of the General Assembly. We very much hope that these positive trends will be supported politically and financially by IACA's constituency. It is my sincerest hope that we will be able to ensure the conditions for IACA to realize its full potential. Together, we can build on what IACA has achieved to date and ensure that the Academy becomes an even stronger actor in the global fight against corruption.

I look forward to productive deliberations, with concrete outcomes and plans of action. IACA is in your hands and at your disposal.

Thank you.