Provisional Agenda and Annotations

Eleventh session of the Assembly of Parties
28 November 2022

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II. Annotations

1. Organizational Matters

The eleventh session of the Assembly of Parties will convene on **Monday, 28 November 2022, from 10:00 to 18:00 (Vienna local time), in person**, at the Vienna International Centre (VIC), room M1 (Board Room 1) of the M-Building.

Election of officers

According to Rule 22 of the *Rules of Procedure for the Assembly of Parties of the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA)* (RoP)[1], a President, two Vice-Presidents, and two Rapporteurs shall be elected from among the representatives of the Parties that are present at the session. In electing the officers, the principle of equitable geographical distribution will be taken into consideration. The offices of the President and Rapporteurs of the Assembly should normally be subject to rotation among the five (United Nations) regional groups.

Parties that wish to propose candidates are encouraged to consult on their intended proposals with their respective regional group. Parties are also kindly requested to provide information on such proposals to the Executive Secretary of IACA's AoP at their earliest convenience.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

In its Resolution AOP10-Res-4, the Assembly of Parties adopted the Provisional Agenda of its eleventh session. The Assembly may decide to amend the provisional agenda and approve the amended one.

Participation of observers

While only Parties have voting rights, the RoP allow for broad participation of observers including Signatories, non-Signatories, entitled United Nations Bodies, Specialized Agencies and Funds, and non-governmental organizations. Please consult the RoP for details on entitlement, procedures, and requirements.

Adoption of the report of the Bureau on credentials

Rule 18 of the RoP stipulates that the credentials of representatives of each Party and the names of the persons constituting the Party's delegation should be submitted to the Executive Secretary, if possible, not later than 24 hours prior to the opening of the session. Any later change in the composition of the delegation should also be submitted to the Executive Secretary. The credentials should be issued by the Head of State or Government, by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by the Permanent Representative of the Party, or, in the case of an international organization, by the competent authority of that organization.

Please note that this Rule refers to credentials for a specific session of the Assembly of Parties only. In particular, it allows for a Permanent Representative of a Party, who has previously presented his/her general credentials to the organization, to notify, in accordance with the relevant national legislation, the Assembly of Parties of the composition of the country's delegation and issue credentials thereto.

General discussion

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[1] Adopted at the first session of IACA's Assembly of Parties (Vienna, 29 - 30 November 2012). Available at http://www.iaca.int/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.

The general discussion of the Assembly will provide an opportunity for representatives to address the conference, affording guidance for its deliberations and the achievement of its objectives.

Due to the time limitations, the statements should be limited to maximum three minutes in order to allow for all interested representatives to speak. The list of speakers under this agenda item will be opened by the Secretariat as of now and will remain open until the beginning of the eleventh session on 28 November 2022.

Please inform the Secretariat as soon as possible about your intention to speak under the agenda item "General discussion".

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

The relevant organs of IACA will report on their work following the last session of the Assembly of Parties in 2021. A presentation on IACA's programmes and activities conducted since the last session will be delivered by the Secretariat.

3. Implementation report of the Work Programme 2021-2024

In line with Article VI, paragraph 2, of the IACA Agreement, the Board of Governors (BoG) is called to submit the Work Programme of the Academy to the Assembly for adoption.

By Resolution AOP9-Res-1, the Assembly of Parties adopted a four-year Work Programme. The Work Programme outlines IACA's strategic objectives for the period 2021-2024, reflecting the Academy's dual nature as an intergovernmental organization and a post-secondary educational institution. In accordance with Article XI of the IACA Agreement, these objectives also include, in conformity with Resolutions AOP5-Res-2 of 11 November 2016, AOP6-Res-5 of 3 October 2017, and AOP7-Res-3 of 28 September 2018, the need to strengthen and safeguard the financial stability and sustainability of the organization, promote financial ownership as a shared responsibility among all stakeholders, and strengthen IACA activities.

A presentation on the progress of the Academy's core areas of work and Organizational Development will be delivered by the Secretariat.

4. Current and emerging trends and challenges in prevention of and combating corruption

The Executive Secretary will inform about current and emerging trends and challenges in prevention of and combating corruption.

5. Budget 2023. Fundraising Activities and Financial Stability of IACA

In line with Article VI, paragraph 2, of the IACA Agreement, the BoG is called upon to submit to the Assembly the Budget of the Academy for adoption. Based on Regulation 4 of the *Financial Framework of the International Anti-Corruption Academy*, endorsed by Resolution AOP1-Res-3, the Budget Proposal 2023 will be submitted to all Parties prior to the upcoming session of the Assembly.

IACA reiterates the need for reliable budget planning and allocation of resources and therefore calls upon all Parties and Signatories for shared financial ownership and participation. As IACA seeks to further develop its capacities in line with its declared

mandate, it is dependent on stable finances and reliable resources in order to successfully build up and effectively maintain its operational activities. Delegations are invited to take the opportunity for pledging financial contributions. The Financial Pledges Form, including an Explanatory Note on guidelines for voluntary financial pledges, are included on the IACA website, under the section of the eleventh session of the AoP.

The financial ownership of the organization is a shared responsibility among all its stakeholders and a necessity for ensuring its credibility and legitimacy. In accordance with Article XI of the IACA Agreement, voluntary contributions by Parties represent a core way to finance IACA's activities, and thus IACA requires sufficient contributions across Parties. Therefore, to facilitate the discussions on financial accountability and stability of IACA amongst its Parties, the Assembly approved the establishment of the IACA open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Financial Matters, by resolution AoP6-Res-5 of 3 October 2017. The Assembly decided to expand the mandate of this Group to other administrative and substantive aspects of IACA activities, by its resolution AoP8-Res-2 of 4 October 2019 on General Matters.

6. Other Matters

The delegations are encouraged to raise any other matter which was not discussed during the previous agenda items.

7. Provisional Agenda for the twelfth session of the Assembly

The provisional agenda for the next meeting of the AoP will be considered for adoption by the Assembly.

8. Adoption of the Report of the Assembly on its eleventh session

The report of the eleventh session will be considered for adoption by the Assembly.

III.   Additional Information

1. Language of the Assembly

The official language of the Assembly is English. Official documents will be made available in English only.

Any representative may make a speech in a language other than the official language of the Assembly and shall provide for interpretation into the official language of the Assembly. This will be considered unofficial interpretation.

2. Documents

Documents in electronic form related to this Provisional Agenda and Annotations will be available in the Assembly of Parties 2022 section of IACA website, www.iaca.int, along with other relevant documents and updates. Delegates are kindly invited to check the website regularly or access them during the session via the website.

Laxenburg, 26 September 2022