



To all IACA Parties and Signatories

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Your Excellencies,

The silence procedure introduced by the Presidency of the eight session of the IACA Assembly of Parties (AoP), in its Note Verbale 30-35/1159 of 23 October 2020 related to the proposal for organizing this year's AoP session in an online format, has ended without any objections from the IACA Parties. I would therefore like to invite all IACA Parties and Signatories, including your country or organization, to attend **the ninth session of the Assembly of Parties** which will take place on **Monday, 30 November 2020, from 14:00 to 17:00 (Vienna time zone), in an online format.**

The ninth session of the AoP will focus on adopting critically important resolutions, namely those on the 2021 IACA Budget, the IACA Work Programme starting in 2021, and the provisional agenda for the tenth session of the Assembly. Please find enclosed the agenda of this session. Please observe that due to the online format and related time limitations, the agenda does not include any high-level segment or items providing for general statements by delegations and a thematic debate.

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.

The Secretariat reiterates the Presidency's request to identify, as soon as possible, candidates for the positions within the Bureau of the ninth Assembly. 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 WEOG, the two Vice-Presidents should come from EEG and GRULAC, and the Rapporteurs from the Asia Pacific and African groups.

Additional logistical information will be provided by the Secretariat in due course. Relevant documents (including the ones from previous sessions of the AoP) are also available in the *Assembly of Parties* section of our website, www.iaca.int.

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

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

Encl.: as stated