

## Provisional Agenda and Annotations

**Ninth session of the Assembly of Parties**

**30 November 2020**

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## II. Annotations

### 1. Organizational Matters

The ninth session of the Assembly of Parties will convene on **Monday, 30 November 2020, from 14:00 to 17:00 (Vienna local time), in an online format**, due to the unprecedented situation related to the SARS-COV-2 pandemic.

#### 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)*<sup>1</sup>, 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 proposals to the Executive Secretary of IACA's AoP at their earliest convenience.

#### Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

In its Resolution AOP8-Res-3 the Assembly of Parties adopted the Provisional Agenda of its ninth session. However, the IACA Parties agreed by silence procedure (Note Verbale 30-35/1159 of 23 October 2020 circulated by the Presidency of the eighth session) that the Agenda of the ninth session will not include the items on general discussions (agenda item 1.f), emerging trends (agenda item 4), and adoption of the report (agenda item 8), as reflected in the above-mentioned resolution. The amended agenda will be submitted to the Assembly for consideration and approval after the opening of the session.

#### Participation of observers

Pursuant to Article V of the *Agreement for the Establishment of the International Anti-Corruption Academy as an International Organization (IACA Agreement)*, the Assembly of Parties serves as a forum for Parties to consult on the overall policy of the organization and on other matters of interest. 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, by the Permanent Representative of the Party in accordance with its domestic law, or, in the case of an international organization, by the competent authority of that organization.

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<sup>1</sup> 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>.

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.

## **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 2019. A presentation on IACA's programmes and activities conducted since the last session will be delivered by the Secretariat.

## **3. Work Programme starting in 2021. Implementation report of the Work Programme 2017-2020**

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 AOP6-Res-1, the Assembly of Parties adopted a three-year Work Programme 2017-2020. The Work Programme outlines IACA's strategic objectives for the period 2017-2020, 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 implementation of the Work Programme 2017-2020 will be delivered by the Secretariat.

At the eighth session of the AoP, the Chair of the BoG presented the paper on the Strategic Development of IACA, adopted by the BoG. Taking into consideration this paper, the Secretariat developed a draft Work Programme starting in 2021 and submitted it to the Board of Governors for its perusal.

## **4. Budget 2021; 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 2021 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 ninth 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 (the Working Group), by its resolution AoP8-Res-2 of 4 October 2019 on General Matters. In line with paragraph 23 of this resolution, the Bureau of the Assembly approved the new Modalities and Terms of Reference for this Working Group at its meeting on 15 September 2020 following the expiration of the silence procedure introduced by the Presidency in its Note Verbal of 20 July 2020 with subsequent Note Verbale of 12 August 2020. The first virtual meeting of the Working Group was held on 22 October 2020.

## **5. Other Matters**

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

## **6. Provisional Agenda for the tenth session of the Assembly**

A draft resolution reflecting the provisional agenda for the next meeting of the AoP 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 2020 section of IACA website, [www.iaca.int](http://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.

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