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NUR-SULTAN DECLARATION

The Assembly of Parties pursuant to Article V of the *Agreement for the Establishment of the International Anti-Corruption Academy as an International Organization* (the IACA Agreement), gathered in Nur-Sultan, Republic of Kazakhstan from 2 to 4 October 2019 for its eighth session,

Recognizes that corruption is a global phenomenon affecting all countries of the world without exception and therefore joint efforts at the national, regional, and global levels are necessary to counter it successfully;

Calls for enhanced inter-governmental cooperation and exchange of best practices in the field of anti-corruption, as well as further measures to strengthen cooperation for the exchange of practical experience and knowledge among the relevant international organizations and creating partnerships with the expert community, non-governmental organizations, and research centers;

Stresses that further efforts to improve the overall efficiency of national and international anti-corruption systems are necessary, and in particular the development of effective mechanisms limiting the opportunities to corrupt and to be corrupted;

Stresses also that further initiatives are necessary to make citizens more aware of the devastating effects of corruption and that help create a zero-tolerance culture on corruption;

Recalls that the fight against corruption is a hallmark of any society governed by the rule of law and the negative impact that corruption has on the enjoyment of human rights and recognizes that specialized training, technical assistance and research in this area should be seen as key aspects of an effective and efficient crime prevention and criminal justice system capable of supporting and promoting the rule of law in support of sustainable development and in particular the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goal 16;

Underlines the contribution of IACA to such efforts, and in particular to initiatives aimed at overcoming current shortcomings in knowledge and practice in the field of anti-corruption; *and recognizes* that the main pillars of its activities, namely anti-corruption education and professional training; research; technical assistance; and co-operation and networking play a crucial role in international efforts to prevent and combat corruption;

Reiterates its strong commitment to and full support for IACA's activities aimed at creating an environment for combating corruption through educational activities, the dissemination of best practices in combating corruption, joint applied research and analysis at the national, regional, and international levels, and appropriate capacity building programmes and initiatives;

Emphasizes the need to ensure the financial stability and sustainability of IACA to enable it to become self-sufficient in the long term, and encourages the IACA Parties, Signatories, and Observers, as well as other stakeholders, to provide the necessary financial support to the organization and actively participate in related fund-raising activities;

Calls upon all Signatories that have not yet ratified the IACA Agreement, as well as Member States of the United Nations and international organizations that have not yet acceded to it, to do so as soon as possible so that they can enjoy the benefits of full membership of the organization;

Expresses its sincere gratitude and respect to the Republic of Kazakhstan for the excellent organization and conduct of the eighth session of the Assembly of Parties of IACA and for providing an opportunity to familiarize itself with the latest initiatives taken by the Republic of Kazakhstan in its fight against corruption.