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**RESOLUTION
ON GENERAL MATTERS**

The Assembly of Parties,

Recalling the commitment to the *Agreement for the Establishment of the International Anti-Corruption Academy as an International Organization* (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement"),

Concerned about the challenges and threats posed by corruption to the stability and security of societies; undermining the institutions and values of democracy, ethics, and justice; and jeopardizing equal opportunities, sustainable development, and the rule of law,

Recalling the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals, especially Goal 16 dedicated to the promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, the provision of access to justice for all, and building effective, accountable institutions at all levels, and its target 16.5 to substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms,

Acknowledging IACA's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) through its academic programmes, trainings, research, and awareness-raising activities related to anti-corruption conducted at the national, regional, and international level,

Commending IACA for providing high-quality anti-corruption and compliance programmes and activities to professionals from all regions of the world, and *encouraging* IACA to continue enhancing its services to Parties and Signatories to the Agreement and other stakeholders, taking into account, where appropriate, principles of equal opportunities, non-discrimination, gender balance, different legal systems, and geographical distribution,

Welcoming IACA's role as a platform for continued exchange of best practices and expertise on developments in the area of preventing and fighting corruption among the public and private sectors, as well as in academia and civil society,

Recognizing the need for IACA's programmes and activities to be affordable and accessible to professionals from all sectors and regions,

Concerned about serious financial difficulties IACA is experiencing, which impede the consolidation of the activities of the Academy, the full implementation of the *Work Programme 2017 - 2020*, and also led to numerous resignations among IACA staff,

Appreciating voluntary financial and in-kind contributions as well as other support provided by Parties to the Agreement and by other donors to facilitate the implementation of the mandate of the organization, *Underlining* the importance of the support provided by several Parties to IACA including as highlighted in Annex 1 and other donors during the period of most acute financial difficulties faced by the Academy in 2018 and 2019,

Expressing special gratitude to Parties to the Agreement which continuously contribute to IACA's financial resources,

Expressing also special gratitude to the Siemens Integrity Initiative for their sustained support since 2011 which, in particular, enabled students from least developed countries (LDCs) as defined by the United Nations, and for citizens from IACA Parties listed under the World Bank Classification of Countries by Income as the lower-middle- and upper-middle-income economies to participate in IACA's activities and academic programmes and the opportunity to bring the concept of the International Anti-Corruption Summer Academy to different regions of the world,

Underlining the importance of providing IACA with adequate general budget funding pursuant to the Agreement to be able to implement its mandated activities,

Taking note of the Preferential Treatment Scheme for IACA Parties contributing to the general budget of the organization, which entered into force on 1 July 2019 and establishes a clear link between financial support to IACA and the types and extent of benefits and discounts enjoyed by the donor Parties and, when appropriate, their nationals,

Welcoming the adoption by the Board of Governors of the document *Strategic Development of the International Anti-Corruption Academy* which contains a set of proposals that aim at the financial stability and self-sustainability of the Academy,

Underlining the establishment of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Financial Matters, in accordance with the Resolution AOP6-Res-5 of 3 October 2017, its work done during five meetings (15 February 2019, 27 March 2019, 24 April 2019, 6 June 2019 and 10 July 2019), and its Report adopted on 10 July 2019 containing a set of recommendations,

Acknowledging the efforts of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Financial Matters to identify measures to enhance IACA's financial stability and *thanking* the Working Group for submitting its report to the Assembly with corresponding recommendations,

Taking note of the continuously growing constituency of IACA, currently comprised of 78 Parties to the Agreement, including both States from all regions as well as International Organizations, and the growing number of cooperation agreements between IACA and relevant stakeholders in the anti-corruption field,

Taking note of IACA's continuous support to its ever-growing alumni network of anti-corruption and compliance professionals, comprised of over 2,550 professionals from around the globe,

Expressing its sincere gratitude to the Republic of Kazakhstan for generously hosting this eighth session of the Assembly of Parties,

1. **Welcomes** the accession of Bangladesh in November 2018, Qatar in December 2018, Honduras in February 2019, and EUCLID, University and International Organization, in June 2019 to the Agreement, and **invites** other United Nations Member States and intergovernmental organizations to accede thereto in order to benefit from full membership in the organization and participate in the work of its governing bodies;

2. **Invites** the Signatories to fulfil the internal procedures in accordance with their national legislation in order to become Parties to the Agreement;

3. **Reiterates** its firm commitment to and full support for effective anti-corruption efforts and the purpose, mandate, and holistic approach of IACA in the prevention of and fight against corruption;
4. **Recognizes** anti-corruption education as an important means for the achievement of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by strengthening capacity-building, promoting integrity and accountability, and raising awareness of the negative effects of corruption on all sectors of society;
5. **Encourages** all Parties and Signatories to the Agreement and other stakeholders to use IACA as a first-choice capacity-building and technical assistance provider in order to enhance intersectoral dialogue and cooperation with academia, civil society, the private sector, and other international stakeholders to effectively respond to the challenges posed by corruption;
6. **Encourages also** all Parties and Signatories to the Agreement and other stakeholders to continue making full use of IACA as a platform for the exchange of best practices, knowledge, and expertise in the field of anti-corruption;
7. **Reaffirms** its support to IACA as a leading anti-corruption educational and research centre and, mindful of the need to strengthen this role and IACA's financial stability with the view of making the Academy self-sustainable in accordance with Article XI of the Agreement, takes note of the important contribution of the document *Strategic Development of the International Anti-Corruption Academy* by the Board of Governors in this regard;
8. **Invites** IACA to identify opportunities for increased cooperation with related international organizations, such as the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC); Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); INTERPOL; and regional organizations such as the African Union, European Union, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), Organization of American States (OAS), Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), as well as fora such as the G20;
9. **Calls upon** all organs of IACA, within their respective mandates, to implement the following recommendations as contained in paragraph I of the Report of the IACA Open-Ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Financial Matters:
 - enhance reporting, transparency, and accountability towards its Parties concerning IACA's financial status and the use of voluntary contributions;
 - develop a sustainable financial model with realistic budget provisions and a larger share of income generated by IACA's activities and programmes with a view to achieving the long-term goal to make the Academy self-sustainable, as reflected in Article XI of the Agreement;
 - increase transparency and predictability in the process of elaboration and execution of the budget of IACA;
 - increase the visibility of those Parties who provide voluntary financial contributions as well as other contributions to IACA;
 - review IACA's programmes, activities, and institutional structure in close consultations with Parties, with a view to optimizing its operations and related expenditures, bearing in mind the financial capabilities of IACA;
 - implement all activities of IACA pursuant to Article II of the Agreement with an increased focus on analysis and research on all aspects of corruption as well as

adapting the *Work Programme 2017-2020*, if necessary, in light of the ongoing work of the Board of Governors;

- intensify outreach to States not yet Party to the Agreement in order to accede to and contribute to the Organization;
- strengthen IACA's activities and programmes aimed at increasing cooperation with other related international and regional organizations, as well as fora as listed under paragraph 8 above;
- work with Parties, organizations, and fora, as referred to above, to increase national capacities to implement the provisions of United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) as well as to promote the realization of Sustainable Development Goal 16 through programmes and activities of IACA;
- increase cooperation with public or private entities which can contribute to the Academy's work and increase voluntary contributions from the private sector and other donors, while ensuring that the integrity of IACA's activities and programmes is preserved;

10. **Calls further on** the Parties and other stakeholders to assist the Academy, including through providing necessary financial support, in:

- enhancing service delivery to the Parties to the Agreement, including by facilitating their participation in the Academy's academic programmes, and initiatives in the core areas of education, professional training, and technical assistance;
- developing its research capacities, ensuring that all the best and relevant anti-corruption practices at the global and regional levels are taken into account, adequately reflected, and dealt with in the framework of the pertinent programmes and activities of the Academy, as well as seeking research collaboration with relevant national and international universities and academic institutions in the area of anti-corruption, and assisting professional training academies of relevant law-enforcement agencies of the Parties, upon their request, in designing, implementing, or improving anti-corruption training curricula;
- enhancing meaningful and result-oriented dialogue and fostering cooperation with bilateral and multilateral stakeholders to respond to current challenges in the area of preventing and fighting corruption;

11. **Invites** the Academy, within available resources, to enhance the existing activities and further develop and introduce additional and innovative methods of training, such as train-the-trainers and e-learning courses and calls on donors to financially support such activities;

12. **Encourages strongly** all Parties and Signatories to the Agreement as well as donors from the public and private sectors to make contributions to IACA on a voluntary basis, taking into account that special emphasis should be given to the provision of a suitably well-funded general budget allocation; furthermore, **invites** them to provide such contributions on a multi-annual basis in order to increase predictability of funds in line with Article XI of the Agreement;

13. **Invites** all Parties and Signatories to the Agreement and other stakeholders to engage in periodic joint donor conferences pursuant to Article XI.4 of the Agreement and to intensify outreach to States not yet Party to the Agreement in order for them to accede and contribute to the Organization;

14. **Encourages** Parties to the Agreement to actively support the participation of their nationals in IACA's various academic degree programmes, open trainings, and

other activities, including through financial and other support to them, and to take steps to inform those of their nationals who might be interested in participating in such programmes and activities about the benefits under the new *Preferential Treatment Scheme for IACA Parties contributing to the general budget of the organization*, including about the relevant fee discounts;

15. **Invites** Parties and Signatories to the Agreement as well as donors from the public and private sectors to contribute voluntarily to the IACA Scholarship Fund, with the aim of increasing the possibilities for nationals from LDCs as defined by the United Nations, and for citizens from IACA Parties listed under the World Bank Classification of Countries by Income as the lower-middle- and upper-middle-income economies to attend the organization's programmes and trainings;

16. **Calls upon** all Parties and Signatories to the Agreement as well as donors from the public and private sectors to consider alternative ways of voluntarily contributing to the financial resources of IACA that are stipulated in the *Work Programme 2017 - 2020*;

17. **Requests** all Parties and Signatories to the Agreement as well as other stakeholders to consider volunteering to host and provide support to the sessions of the Assembly, IACA Regional Summer Academies, modules of its master's programmes, and other activities;

18. **Invites** Parties and Signatories to the Agreement to promote and support IACA in all relevant international organizations such as UNODC, OECD, INTERPOL and regional organizations such as the African Union, European Union, ECOWAS, ASEAN, OAS, OSCE as well as fora such as the G20;

19. **Appeals** to Parties and Signatories to the Agreement, if necessary, to take measures in accordance with their national legislation in order to recognize IACA's degree programmes, including the academic degrees of MACS and IMACC;

20. **Notes** the process initiated by the Board of Governors for the appointment of the Dean and Executive Secretary and invites all Parties and Signatories to the Agreement, as well as other IACA organs, to provide the Dean, once appointed, with all the support and advice necessary for the effective and efficient implementation of his/her mandate;

21. **Expresses gratitude** to the staff of IACA and **acknowledges** that the continuation of substantive programmes and activities of the Academy in late 2018 and during 2019 was possible mainly thanks to the dedication and tireless efforts of the remaining personnel;

22. **Appreciates** the efforts of IACA in considering the highest possible qualifications and principles of staffing policy, in particular principles of equal opportunities, non-discrimination, gender balance, different legal systems, geographical distribution, and renewal, when selecting qualified staff, participants, and lecturers for its programmes and activities;

23. **Decides** that the mandate of the Intergovernmental ad-hoc Working Group on Financial Matters should be expanded to other administrative and substantive aspects of IACA activities, and the Working Group should be a standing subsidiary body to the Assembly in line with the Agreement; **decides also** that at least one open-ended expert meeting should be convened by the President of the Assembly or his representative to prepare proposals on the new modalities of the Working Group, including its terms of reference, for adoption by the Bureau of the Assembly;

24. **Requests** the Board of Governors to provide summaries of its deliberations to Parties with a view to inform about the discussions of the Intergovernmental Ad-hoc Working Group on Financial Matters;

25. **Takes note with appreciation** of the audit statement of IACA's accounts as conducted by the independent external auditors and approved by the Board of Governors;

26. **Invites** the Secretariat to share with the relevant regional and international fora, which have mandates in the field of preventing and combating corruption, the outcome of this session of the Assembly of Parties;

27. **Requests** the relevant organs of IACA to report to the ninth session of the Assembly of Parties on progress made in respect of this Resolution.

Annex 1 – Financial contributions by IACA Parties in 2018 and 2019

IACA Party	2018 Amount (EUR)	2019 Amount (EUR)	Remarks
Afghanistan	1,000.00		
Argentina	4,056.47		
Armenia		1,000.00	
Austria	544,000.00		
Azerbaijan	12,500.00		
Chile	8,732.10		
China	200,000.00		
Croatia		10,000.00	
Egypt	10,000.00		
Georgia	10,000.00		
Hungary	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Kazakhstan	10,000.00		
Kuwait	81,300.81	88,160.10	
Liechtenstein	86,125.23		
Malaysia	100,000.00	100,000.00	
Mauritius		2,460.00	
Mongolia	10,000.00		
Nigeria		76,242.11	
Pakistan	8,107.01 Fully earmarked		
Republic of Korea		50,000.00	
Russian Federation	100,407.79	483,384.09 Partly earmarked	
Slovakia	60,000.00		Transferred in 2017
Total	1,256,229.41 Partly earmarked	821,246.30 Partly earmarked	