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**RESOLUTION**

The Assembly of Parties,

**Adopts** the report on the first session of the Assembly of Parties, as annexed.

# International Anti-Corruption Academy Report on the Assembly of Parties 1<sup>st</sup> session

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## 1. Organizational Matters

### a) Opening of the session

The International Anti-Corruption Academy's (IACA) Assembly of Parties convened for its first session in Vienna, Austria on 29 and 30 November 2012.

The President of the (former) Provisional Commission officially opened the session, welcoming all delegates and expressed his content over the high-level participation.

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

The Assembly unanimously adopted the agenda.

The Executive Secretary informed the room that 34 Parties were taking part in this session.

The following Parties were represented at the first session of the Assembly: Albania, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Hungary, Israel, Jordan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Maldives, Mexico, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, European Public Law Organization (EPLo), International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD).

### c) Participation of Observers

The Executive Secretary informed the room that delegations from 53 Observers, or 19 Signatories, 34 non-Signatories and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), were taking part in this Assembly.

The following Signatories took part in this session as Observers: Argentina, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Chile, Greece, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, Libya, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Mozambique, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Portugal, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Yemen, Zambia.

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

The following non-Signatories took part in this session as Observers: Afghanistan, Algeria, Belgium, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, India, Iran, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Morocco, Nicaragua, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Ukraine, United States of America, Zimbabwe, European Union, European Space Policy Institute (ESPI), Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), Wassenaar Arrangement.

### d) Adoption of the report of the Bureau on credentials

The Executive Secretary disclosed that all delegates were properly accredited to take part in this session.

The Assembly adopted the report of the Bureau on credentials without objections. The representative of Syria requested that his reservation on Israel be included in this report.

### e) Outcome of the Provisional Commission, Resolutions

The Assembly unanimously adopted the Resolution on the Rules of Procedure (Doc #: AOP1-Res-1).

The Assembly adopted the Resolution on the election of the Board of Governors (Doc #: AOP1-Res-2) without objections. The representative of Syria requested that his reservation on Israel be included in this report.

The Assembly unanimously adopted the Resolution on general matters (Doc #: AOP1-Res-3).

The President of the (former) Provisional Commission briefed the Assembly on the work of the Provisional Commission over the last year, noting that it has prepared a solid *acquis* package for the Academy. He stressed that IACA is a fully-fledged international organization and thus has the opportunity to develop its own unique practices. Moreover, he expressed hope that an increasing number of non-state actors would be joining it. In closing, the (former) President thanked all colleagues from the Provisional Commission as well as the International Transition Team for their constructive work.

f) Election of Officers

The Assembly unanimously elected the officers for this session. The Austrian Federal Minister of the Interior, H.E. Ms. Johanna Mikl-Leitner, was elected President, whereas the Vice President of Bulgaria, H.E. Ms. Margarita Popova and Her Royal Highness the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of Thailand, Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol, were elected Vice Presidents. The Deputy Head of Mission and Alternate Permanent Representative of Mexico, Ms. Cecilia Villanueva Bracho and the Deputy Minister of Justice of Turkey, H.E. Mr. Veysi Kaynak, were elected Rapporteurs.

g) General discussion, including high-level/ministerial segment

The President of the Assembly welcomed all Parties, Observers and Partners to this distinguished session. She commended the establishment and work of the Academy, calling on states and international organizations which have not yet done so, to ratify/accede to the *Agreement for the Establishment of IACA as an International Organization*. She stressed the necessity of collective financial support, participation, and ownership as a means of augmenting IACA's infrastructure, furthering its activities, and attracting the best international staff. She invited the room to pledge voluntary contributions.

National statements were delivered by the following high-level representatives, in chronological order: the Vice President of Bulgaria, the Minister in the Prime Minister's Department of Malaysia, the Chief of Staff of the Presidential Administration of the Russian Federation, the State Secretary for European and International Affairs of Austria, the Deputy Minister of Justice of Turkey, the Minister Delegate to the Head of Government in charge of Public Service and Modernization of the Administration of Morocco, the Deputy Minister of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Prosecutor General of Liechtenstein, the Australian Commissioner for Law Enforcement Integrity, the Prosecutor General of Azerbaijan, Her Royal Highness the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of Thailand, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea, the Chargé d'Affaires at the Permanent Mission of Romania, the Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico on behalf of the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Philippines, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Israel, the Ambassador

Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Iraq (through his interpreter), and the Director of the Anti-Corruption Department of the Council of Ministers of Albania.

The Vice President of the Assembly took over the presiding of this session after Turkey's national statement.

In his national statement, the Minister in the Prime Minister's Department of Malaysia disclosed that his government recently pledged a financial contribution of 1,000,000 Ringgit, or approximately 250,000 EUR, in support of IACA's general budget, and that the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Academy is closely cooperating with IACA on the Master in Anti-Corruption Studies.

In his national statement, the Deputy Minister of Justice of Turkey stated that his country pledges a financial contribution of 60,000 EUR to IACA.

In his national statement, the Prosecutor General of the Principality of Liechtenstein announced that his government pledges a financial contribution of 50,000 EUR to IACA.

In her national statement, Her Royal Highness the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of Thailand, put forward her country's offer to host the second session of the Assembly of Parties, in 2013.

All delegations expressed their full support for the Academy's mission and activities, and commended the International Transition Team on its efforts and work over the past years. Numerous delegations also emphasized the need to ensure the proper financing of IACA in order to allow for it to pursue its mandate, improve its capacities, and further develop its programmes and activities. States Parties, moreover, urged states and international organizations which have not yet done so, to ratify/accede to the *Agreement for the Establishment of IACA as an International Organization*, and thereby join this important initiative.

## **2. IACA's Development and *acquis*: report and discussion**

The Executive Secretary commended the progress on IACA's *acquis* with the unanimous adoption of resolutions on the Rules of Procedure (Doc #: AOP1-Res-1), elections (Doc #: AOP1-Res-2) and general matters (Doc #: AOP1-Res-3).

With reference to paragraph 10 of the Resolution on general matters (Doc #: AOP1-Res-3) which refers to documents in progress contained Annex III, the Assembly was informed that the Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Modernization with the Kingdom of Morocco and the Memorandum of Understanding with the International Ombudsman Institute will be concluded today. The Assembly took note and welcomed such developments.

## **3. Fundraising Activities for the Academy and Budget for 2013**

As delegations had made reference to fundraising activities in their general statements, no substantive discussions took place on this agenda item.

## **4. Work Programme, Programmes and Activities, including the Master Programme: report and discussion**

The Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS) was formally launched in the framework of this session with a panel discussion. The two MACS Programme Managers delivered a brief presentation outlining the interdisciplinary nature of the MACS, its part-time format and modular structure, and announced that one of its seven core modules would take place in Kuala Lumpur in cooperation with the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC). The panel discussion featured Mr. Ivan Atauyambe, a MACS participant, Ms. Birgit Forstnig-Errath, Director of Collective Action at Siemens AG, Dato' Abu Kassim bin Mohamed, Chief Commissioner of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission, and Mr. Nikos Passas, member of the MACS Programme Consortium. The panel discussion witnessed the engagement of the room, with a number of delegations posing questions and complementing the programme.

Delegations referred to the development of the Work Programme of the Academy, which would be considered by the Board of Governors at the appropriate time, and made reference to the specific proposals made by some Parties in that regard. The Executive Secretary welcomed the debate and encouraged the Parties to further make proposals in this regard.

#### **5. Other Matters**

No interventions.

#### **6. Provisional Agenda for the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the Assembly**

The Assembly unanimously adopted the Resolution on the convening and agenda of its second session (Doc #: AOP1-Res-5).

#### **7. Adoption of the Report of the Assembly on its 1<sup>st</sup> session**

The Assembly unanimously adopted the report, as referred to in the Resolution on the report of this session (Doc #: AOP1-Res-4).

The Assembly agreed to see the Executive Secretary submit the Resolution on general matters (Doc #: AOP1-Res-3) to the United Nations General Assembly, the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, and other relevant international and regional fora.