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**ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES  
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**RESOLUTION  
ON GENERAL MATTERS**

The Assembly of Parties,

*Recalling the Agreement for the Establishment of the International Anti-Corruption Academy as an International Organization* (hereinafter referred to as “the Agreement”), which entered into force on 8 March 2011;

*Also recalling* the Resolutions of the first session of the International Anti-Corruption Academy’s Assembly of Parties, adopted in Vienna, Austria, on 29 and 30 November 2012, where Parties and Signatories expressed their full support and commitment towards the lasting advancement of IACA’s mandate, policies, means, and objectives;

*Recalling furthermore* the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) and other relevant international and regional legal instruments;

*Concerned* about the seriousness of problems posed by corruption to the stability of societies, undermining the institutions and values of democracy, ethical values and justice, and jeopardizing sustainable development and the rule of law;

*Reiterating* the importance to base the fight against corruption upon a four-pronged approach, namely prevention, education, law enforcement/compliance, and international cooperation;

*Emphasizing* that corruption is a challenge that cannot be successfully overcome by governments, businesses, international organizations, or civil society, including non-governmental organizations, alone, but needs stable and strong inter-sectoral cooperation, alliances, and collective action;

*Noting with appreciation* the progress made so far by IACA in the prevention of and the fight against corruption and, in particular, its role in providing technical assistance, in the spirit envisioned in the UNCAC, in the field of anti-corruption education, training, networking, cooperation, and academic research, following a holistic approach, which is international, inter-disciplinary, inter-sectorial, integrative, and sustainable;

*Welcoming* the results of the 5<sup>th</sup> Conference of the States Parties to the UNCAC, held in Panama City from 25 to 29 November 2013; and *inviting* all United Nations Member States and other relevant stakeholders to use IACA as a technical assistance provider;

*Welcoming furthermore* the progress made in the dialogue and cooperation of IACA with the G20 and B20 meetings, in particular this year under the Russian presidency, in the

framework of the G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group and the B20 Task Force on Anti-Corruption and Transparency;

*Welcoming with great satisfaction* the ever-growing constituency of IACA, currently comprising 50 Parties and 53 Signatories from all regions, as well as the wide range of cooperation agreements with various relevant stakeholders in the anti-corruption field;

*Welcoming* the continued interest expressed by United Nations Member States, International Organizations, and other relevant stakeholders to establish a long-standing relationship with IACA, with a view to better serve the common purpose of preventing and fighting corruption through joint efforts;

*Commending* the work done by civil society, including non-governmental organizations, in promoting the combatting of corruption in recent decades; *recognizing* the results achieved so far by them; and *encouraging* them to continue their work in the future;

*Acknowledging with satisfaction* the achievements of IACA's programmes and activities, and particularly the Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS), an international, inter-disciplinary academic degree programme designed for working professionals who wish to remain fully employed while pursuing their degree; and *inviting* all states to fully recognize the Academy's degree programmes;

*Expressing* its sincere gratitude to the Kingdom of Thailand for generously hosting this second session of the Assembly of Parties as well as to the United Nations Office in Bangkok (UNCC) for supporting this event;

1. **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 the fight against corruption.
2. **Encourages** United Nations Member States, International Organizations, and all other relevant stakeholders in the anti-corruption field to support IACA and take full advantage of its wide array of services, programmes, and activities.
3. **Encourages** furthermore all Parties and Signatories to continue their active engagement, individually and collectively, in promoting awareness of the mission of IACA as well as the benefits of its purpose and activities.
4. **Strongly encourages** all Signatories which have not yet ratified the Agreement and United Nations Member States and International Organizations which have not yet acceded to it, to do so at their earliest convenience so that they can enjoy the benefits of full membership, and so that stable geographical diversity can be ensured with all organs of IACA.
5. **Recognizes with satisfaction and commends** the dedicated efforts and substantial work undertaken by the Board of Governors, the Dean and Executive Secretary, as well as the staff of IACA in preparing, drafting, and developing all relevant documents and arrangements for the functioning of the organization, including proposals for this session of the Assembly of Parties; and **appreciates** comments and recommendations submitted in advance by the members of the International Senior Advisory Board and the International Academic Advisory Board to the working documents of this Assembly.

6. **Calls upon** all organs of IACA, within their mandates, to provide for the effective and efficient implementation of IACA's Work Programme 2014 – 2016.
7. **Extends its appreciation** to the United Nations Member States, International Organizations, and other donors, which have contributed to IACA by providing financial resources and seconding personnel.
8. **Recognizes** the need for strengthening the financial resources of IACA, which shall enable it to become self-sustainable in the mid-term perspective; and, therefore, strongly **encourages** all Parties and Signatories, donors from the public and private sector, and the international community to support IACA's resources in accordance with the relevant policies and guidelines, taking into due account that special emphasis shall be given to the provision of a suitably well-funded general budget allocation, allowing IACA to pursue its mission and objectives and to maintain its integrity and independence.
9. **Invites** Parties and Signatories, at their discretion, to consider alternative ways of contributing to the financial resources of the Academy by, *inter alia*, considering the options proposed in Strategic Objective 4 of the Work Programme 2014 – 2016.
10. **Appreciates** the efforts of IACA in upholding the global and inclusive nature of its mandate and in striving for broad and stable partnerships with relevant stakeholders from all sectors; and **encourages** IACA to continue along this successful path.
11. **Appreciates, in particular**, the efforts of IACA in taking regional, professional, and cultural diversity into due account in selecting qualified participants and lecturers for its programmes and activities; and **encourages** therefore donors to consider directing voluntary contributions to, *inter alia*, the provision of scholarships for qualified candidates from developing countries.
12. **Encourages** the competent organs of IACA in implementing the *Staff Rules of the International Anti-Corruption Academy* to further ensure diverse regional, cultural, and professional staffing of the Academy.
13. **Takes note with appreciation** of the audit statement of the Academy's accounts as conducted by the external auditors and approved by the Board of Governors.
14. **Requests** the relevant organs of IACA to report to the third session of the Assembly of Parties on progress made in respect of this Resolution.