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**RESOLUTION  
ON THE REPORT OF THE THIRD SESSION  
OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES**

The Assembly of Parties,

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

# **International Anti-Corruption Academy**

## **Report on the Assembly of Parties**

### **3<sup>rd</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 third session in Baku, Azerbaijan, from 19 to 21 November 2014.

H.E. Mr. Fuad Aleskerov, Chief of the Law Enforcement Department of the Presidential Administration of Azerbaijan, delivered the introductory letter of H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, welcoming delegates to the Assembly. In his letter, President Aliyev outlined that the fight against corruption is a priority direction of state policy and that Azerbaijan has carried out a number of reform measures to this effect, to sustain its rapid development. He congratulated IACA on its contributions to the fight against corruption and wished the Assembly fruitful proceedings.

In his opening remarks, the Executive Secretary to the Assembly of Parties, Mr. Martin Kreutner, extended his welcome and expressed his gratitude to the Government of Azerbaijan for hosting this session. He provided an overview of institutional developments over the past year, the status of the constituency, and cooperation agreements. The Executive Secretary asserted that IACA has been entrusted with a pivotal mandate – to empower professionals in the fight against corruption. As such, he encouraged the Assembly to further foster ownership and facilitate meeting the expectations of the constituency, which to date encompasses two-thirds of the world population estimate. He cautioned that the implementation of the *Work Programme 2014 – 2016*, and thus IACA's credibility and legitimacy, eventually hinge on a suitably well-funded general budget.

Mr. Zakir Garalov, Prosecutor General of Azerbaijan, stated that it is a great pleasure for Azerbaijan to host this session of the Assembly. He briefly reflected on Azerbaijan's anti-corruption frameworks and emphasized that the country attaches strong importance to IACA's activities.

The President of the Bureau of the second session of the Assembly of Parties, H.E. Mr. Panthep Klanarongran, officially opened the session. He extended a special welcome to the ten states that joined IACA as Parties since the second session (Argentina, Armenia, Botswana, Cambodia, People's Republic of China, Finland, Kazakhstan, Malawi, Mozambique, as well as Greece which ratified the Agreement last week) and thanked the Government of Azerbaijan for being the host. The President encouraged delegates to use this session to focus on budgetary matters and fundraising – a shared responsibility of all Member States. He thanked the Executive Secretary and outgoing Bureau officers for a constructive and successful year and wished the incoming Bureau the best of success.

### b) Election of officers

The Assembly unanimously elected the following officers for this session:

President: Mr. Zakir Garalov, Azerbaijan (Eastern European Group)

Vice President: H.E. Senator Datuk Paul Low Seng Kuan, Malaysia (Asia-Pacific Group)

Vice President: H.E. Mr. Veysi Kaynak, Turkey (Western European and Others Group)

Rapporteur: H.E. Mr. Armin Ernesto Andereya Latorre, Chile (Latin American and Caribbean Group)

Rapporteur: Mr. Olusola Akinrinade, Nigeria (African Group)

The newly elected President of the Bureau, Mr. Zakir Garalov, thanked the Assembly for its confidence and affirmed the incoming Bureau's commitment to the mission and mandate of IACA.

c) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The Assembly unanimously adopted the agenda, with the inclusion of item 6 – "Elections to fill vacancies in the Board of Governors".

The following Parties were represented at this session: Afghanistan, Argentina, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Chile, People's Republic of China, Egypt, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Spain, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey.

d) Participation of observers

The Executive Secretary informed the room that nine Observers (three Signatories and six non-Signatories) were taking part in this session.

The following Signatories were represented: Greece, Kenya, Yemen.

The following non-Signatories were represented: Georgia, Germany, Italy, Kuwait, European Union, Council of Europe Group of States against Corruption.

e) Adoption of the report of the Bureau on credentials

The Executive Secretary disclosed that 33 out of 35 Parties were fully accredited to participate at this session.

The Assembly adopted the report of the Bureau on credentials without objections.

f) General Discussion

National statements were delivered by the following high-level representatives, in chronological order: H.E. Senator Datuk Paul Low Seng Kuan, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department of Malaysia; H.E. Mr. Panthep Klanarongran, President of the National Anti-Corruption Commission of Thailand; Mr. Ning Yanling, Vice-Ministerial Commissioner of the Ministry of Supervision of the People's Republic of China; H.E. Mr. Veysi Kaynak, Deputy Minister of Justice of Turkey; H.E. Ms. Simona-Maya Teodoroiu, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Justice of Romania; H.E. Ms. Elisabeth Tichy-Fisslberger, Ambassador, Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of Austria; Mr. Giovanni Kessler, Director General of the European Anti-Fraud Office; Mr. Karman Aliyev, Deputy-Prosecutor General and Head of the Anti-Corruption General

Directorate with the General Prosecutor's Office; H.E. Ms. Gordana Jankuloska, Minister of Internal Affairs of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Mr. Gerardo Serrano, Director of the Transparency Policy Planning Division, Under Secretary of Transparency Policies, Anti-Corruption Office of Argentina; Mr. Marin Mrčela, President of the Council of Europe Group of States against Corruption; Mr. Abed Mudheher Turki Abed, Director General of the Iraqi Anticorruption Academy; Mr. Kim Sang Nyon, Director of the International Relations Division of the Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission; H.E. Mr. Armin Ernesto Andereya Latorre, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Chile to the International Organizations in Vienna; Professor Oluremi Raphael Aina, Commissioner and Board Member of the Independent Corruption Practices and Other Related Offences Commission of Nigeria; Mr. Bolatbek Abdrasilov, Dean of the Public Governance Academy of the Agency for Civil Service Affairs and Anti-Corruption of the Republic of Kazakhstan; H.E. Mr. Vladimir Tarabrin, Ambassador at Large for International Anti-Corruption Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; Mr. Sérgio Nogueira Seabra, Secretary of Transparency and Corruption Prevention of the Office of the Comptroller-General of the Union of Brazil; H.E. Mr. Zsolt Csutora, Ambassador of Hungary to the Republic of Azerbaijan; H.E. Mr. Rachmat Budiman, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary / Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to the International Organizations in Vienna; H.E. Mr. Tomislav Leko, Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations, OSCE and other International Organizations in Vienna; Mr. Muhibullah Taib, First Secretary of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in the Republic of Azerbaijan; Mr. Patrick Michael Ritter, Deputy Director and Minister of the Office for Foreign Affairs of the Principality of Liechtenstein; H.E. Haitham Galal, Counselor at the Embassy of Egypt in Baku; H.E. Ms. Noor Mohamed Othman Ba-Abad, Member of the Supreme National Authority for Combatting Corruption and Head of the Civil Society Organizations Sector; H.E. Mr. Abdulrahman Al-Nemash, Counselor and Chairman of the Kuwait Anti-Corruption Authority; Mr. Alexander Baramidze, First Deputy Minister of Justice of Georgia.

In their national statements, the delegates of Austria, Hungary, Malaysia, Nigeria, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, and Thailand provided an overview of their respective countries' financial contributions and/or staff secondments to IACA over the past year(s).

In her national statement, the delegate of Austria emphasized that the host country would continue to provide substantial financial support to IACA and called on other Parties to further take ownership and ensure the sustainability of the organization.

In their national statements, the delegates of Romania and the Russian Federation announced that their respective states would continue to provide annual financial contributions to IACA.

In his national statement, the delegate of Nigeria announced that his country would contribute to IACA's general budget in the amount of 150,000 USD.

In their national statements, the delegates of the Republic of Korea and Thailand commended the continued editions of tailor-made trainings designed by IACA for their respective authorities, among others.

The Director General of the European Anti-Fraud Office welcomed IACA's observer status to the United Nations General Assembly. He added that the European Union supported IACA since the very start and will continue to do so in the future.

The Vice President of the Assembly, H.E. Senator Datuk Paul Low Seng Kuan, took over the presiding of this session after the national statement of the delegate from The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

The President of the Council of Europe Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) praised IACA's observer status in GRECO and the cooperative relationship between the two organizations. He commended the major conference on GRECO Round IV Evaluations organized by GRECO, IACA, and other stakeholders as well as IACA's services as the Secretariat for the European Partners against Corruption/ European contact-point network against corruption (EPAC/ EACN).

In his national statement, the delegate of Chile announced that Chilean institutions are prepared to work with IACA in offering tailor-made courses that can be more easily accessible to Latin America.

In his national statement, the delegate of Brazil reiterated his country's readiness to host a module of IACA's Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS) programme.

The delegate of Georgia informed the Assembly that Georgia is in the final stage of acceding to the *Agreement for the Establishment of IACA as an International Organization*.

Several statements contained observations on the impact of corruption and national efforts to counter it. Speakers voiced their strong support for IACA, lauded its remarkable progress, constituency growth, and cooperation arrangements, and also emphasized the importance of its global role in anti-corruption education, research, networking, and cooperation. Various capacity-building programmes, and especially the Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS), received most positive remarks. A high number of statements placed emphasis on the need to strengthen IACA's financial ownership and highlighted the role of the Assembly of Parties in enabling the fulfillment of the *Work Programme 2014 - 2016*. Speakers commended the Board of Governors, Dean, and IACA staff for their commitment. They, furthermore, extended their gratitude to the Government of Azerbaijan for impeccably hosting this session.

The Assembly unanimously adopted the Baku Declaration.

The Assembly unanimously adopted the Resolution on General Matters (Doc #: AOP3-Res-1).

## **2. IACA's Development: report by the relevant organs; review and discussion**

The Chairperson of the Board of Governors, H.E. Ms. Margarita Popova, shared the Board of Governors' report on the progress of IACA's activities, pursuant to Article VI (2) i of the *Agreement for the Establishment of IACA as an International Organization*. She highlighted the major undertakings of the Board over the course of the past year as well as the decisions reached. Due to the resignation of Ms. Cecilia Villanueva Bracho on account of a new posting abroad, the Board of Governors has at least one place open for

election. The Chairperson also made reference to one Board member's lack of participation and contributions for the past year and a half. In concluding her report, she vividly called on Parties and Signatories to direct contributions to IACA's general budget as a means for ensuring its sustainability and eventual growth, consider the alternative ways of fundraising stipulated in Strategic Objective 4 of the *Work Programme 2014 - 2016*, as well as the proposals included in the Statement of the International Senior Advisory Board.

The Assembly took note of this report.

### **3. Work Programme (progress) and Budget 2015**

The Assembly unanimously adopted the Resolution on the Budget 2015 (Doc #: AOP3-Res-2).

### **4. Fundraising Activities for the Academy**

The Executive Secretary recalled the alternative ways of fundraising presented in Strategic Objective 4 of the *Work Programme 2014 - 2016*. He asserted that in accordance with Strategic Objective 4, alternative ways of funding are being further explored and worked on by the relevant organs; a process which is ongoing.

The Vice President, H.E. Senator Datuk Paul Low Seng Kuan, emphasized IACA's financial situation and suggested that additional proposals on fundraising be put to the Assembly of Parties for adoption at the next session.

### **5. Report on Programmes and Activities**

The Dean and Executive Secretary provided an overview of programmes and activities carried out by IACA this year in fulfillment of the *Work Programme 2014 - 2016*, and its Part A in particular. He announced that professionals from 125 countries form part of the organization's alumni network up to now. The Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS) will see its first intake graduate on 9 December, also International Anti-Corruption Day, while the second intake started the programme in October 2014. A number of standardized trainings witnessed their continued editions this year and three novel ones, focusing on legal incentives for corporate integrity, local governance, and the infrastructure sector, were offered.

Throughout the year, IACA worked with a number of partners and other stakeholders, including the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Transparency International, and the Council of Europe Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) to organize thematic international conferences and technical assistance programmes. The Dean emphasized the noteworthy geographical and sectorial distribution throughout programmes and activities. He underscored that IACA continues to provide a number of tuition fee waivers and scholarships, owing to generous contributions by external donors, in an effort to facilitate participation from Least Developed Countries. He concluded by stating that the organization has great potential to engage in additional undertakings of the highest quality and offer increased scholarships, contingent on the availability of funds.

## **6. Elections to fill vacancies in the Board of Governors**

After in-depth discussions, the Assembly unanimously agreed to postpone this agenda item to its next session.

The Vice President, H.E. Senator Datuk Paul Low Seng Kuan, called on Parties to present any future nominations well in advance to allow for better preparations.

## **7. Other Matters**

The President of the Assembly, Mr. Zakir Garalov, took over the presiding of this session.

Mr. Kamran Aliyev, Deputy Prosecutor General and Chief of the Anti-Corruption Department under the Prosecutor General of Azerbaijan, announced that his government has agreed to contribute to IACA's general budget in the amount of 150,000 EUR. He also asserted that Azerbaijan would continue efforts in this direction.

## **8. Provisional Agenda for the 4<sup>th</sup> session of the Assembly**

The Assembly unanimously adopted the Resolution on the Convening and Agenda of the Fourth Session (Doc #: AOP3-Res-3).

## **9. Adoption of the Report of the Assembly on its 3<sup>rd</sup> session**

The Assembly unanimously adopted the Resolution on the Report of the Third Session (Doc#: AOP3-Res-4).