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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;

Welcoming with great satisfaction the ever-growing constituency of IACA, currently comprising 64 Parties to the Agreement from all regions, as well as the growing number of cooperation agreements with various relevant stakeholders in the anti-corruption field which **provide a clear basis for IACA's future cooperation and increase the coordination** with the main actors in anti-corruption at the global level;

Noting with appreciation the achievements of IACA's programmes and activities, in particular the Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS), the first postgraduate programme in anti-corruption studies at the international level, and the efforts made by IACA to provide scholarships for Least Developed Countries, while ***noting further*** that the cost of this programme remains high, particularly for Least Developed Countries and developing countries, and stressing the importance of rendering this programme affordable and attainable;

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

Welcoming the outcome document of the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit, held in New York between 25 and 27 September 2015, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", and ***taking note*** of the participation of IACA, along with other relevant stakeholders, during the process leading to its adoption;

Welcoming also the action-oriented "Doha Declaration on integrating crime prevention and criminal justice into the wider United Nations agenda to address social and economic challenges and to promote the rule of law at the national and international levels, and public participation", adopted by the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, held in Doha from 12 to 19 April 2015, which can help to further strengthen collective efforts on crime prevention and criminal justice, promote the rule of law, and contribute to sustainable development;

Welcoming further the results of the sixth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, held in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, between 2 and 6 November 2015, and **noting with satisfaction** the adoption of the resolution entitled “Education and training in the context of anti-corruption”;

Noting with appreciation the progress made by IACA in promoting the prevention and combating of corruption through education, training, networking, cooperation, and academic research, and its role in providing technical assistance, in the spirit envisioned in the United Nations Conventions against Corruption (UNCAC), using a holistic approach, which is international, interdisciplinary, intersectorial, integrative, and sustainable;

Recalling Human Rights Council Resolution 29/11 of 2 July 2015, entitled “The negative impact of corruption on the enjoyment of human rights”, in which the Council recognized that the negative impact of corruption on human rights and sustainable development could be combated through anti-corruption education and noted with appreciation the capacity-building activities and specialized curricula developed by relevant institutions, such as the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Anti-Corruption Academy;

Recognizing the power of education, which acts as a catalyst for eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions and creating inclusive and sustainable socioeconomic development, greater equality and equity, and fair and just societies, and **recognizing also** the need to develop education and information programmes in order to promote a culture of transparency and accountability at all levels of society;

Inviting all United Nations Member States and other relevant stakeholders to use IACA as a technical assistance provider;

Emphasizing that corruption is a challenge that is better overcome by Parties through stable and strong intersectoral cooperation, alliances, and collective action, including cooperation with civil society, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector, and commending the work done by civil society, including non-governmental organizations, in preventing and combating corruption, and **encouraging** them to continue their work in a transparent and accountable manner, in accordance with the national legislation and internal policies of the Parties to the Agreement;

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 fight against corruption.
2. Recognizes that education on anti-corruption helps to strengthen individual ethical decision-making, build a culture of transparency and rejection to corruption at all levels of society, and contribute to understanding, respect for and oversight activities by public authorities.
3. Appreciates the efforts of IACA in upholding the global and inclusive nature of its mandate and in striving for cooperative relationships with states, other international organizations as well as public and private entities, and encourages IACA to continue along this successful path.
4. Requests Parties and Signatories to the Agreement to further strengthen their national efforts to support anti-corruption education and raise public awareness of

corruption and its negative impact on society through education programmes involving all relevant stakeholders.

5. Encourages all Parties and Signatories to the Agreement to appropriately assist the **Secretariat in promoting awareness of IACA's mandate as well as the benefits of its purpose** and activities.

6. Encourages strongly 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 within all organs of IACA.

7. Encourages also United Nations Member States, International Organizations, and all other relevant stakeholders to support IACA and take full advantage of its wide array of services, programmes, and activities in the anti-corruption field.

8. Reiterates its call on all organs of IACA, within their mandates, to provide for the **effective and efficient implementation of IACA's Work Programme 2014-2016**, adopted by the Assembly of Parties during its second session, by Resolution AOP2-Res-1.

9. Encourages all Parties and Signatories to the Agreement to consider initiating, where appropriate and in accordance with their national legislation, the necessary internal **procedures in order to recognize IACA's** degree programmes, including the academic degree of the Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS), the first postgraduate programme in anti-corruption studies at the international level, and invites the Secretariat to provide the requested information about the programmes to the concerned Party or Signatory in this respect.

10. Stresses that investing in anti-corruption education and enhancing professional capacities are effective ways towards achieving sustainable development, safeguarding human rights, and strengthening the rule of law.

11. Appreciates the financial resources and seconded personnel provided by Parties to the Agreement, International Organizations, and other donors, which have supported IACA in implementing its mandate.

12. Emphasizes that appropriate financial resources of IACA will enable it to become self-sustainable in the long-term perspective, and encourages strongly all Parties and Signatories to the Agreement, donors from the public and private sector, and the international **community to support IACA's resources in accordance with the relevant policies** and guidelines under the Agreement, on a voluntary basis, taking into account that special emphasis should 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, and considering the options on alternative ways of contributing to the financial resources of IACA proposed in Strategic Objective 4 of the Work Programme 2014-2016.

13. Requests the Secretariat to further continue its efforts to ensure the transparent and effective use of the resources available, including through reporting on cost-efficiencies and administrative measures aimed at directing the financial resources of IACA towards its main

purposes and activities, in particular anti-corruption education and professional training, as well as research into all aspects of corruption.

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

15. Encourages all Parties and Signatories to the Agreement, donors from the public and private sector, and the international community to consider directing voluntary contributions to, inter alia, the provision of Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS) scholarships for qualified candidates from Least Developed Countries and developing countries, and calls on the Secretariat to report to the next session of the Assembly of Parties on the steps taken to increase the number of scholarships for Least Developed Countries and developing countries.

16. Recognizes that anti-corruption capacity-building activities provided by IACA, which pursue a holistic, interdisciplinary approach in offering anti-corruption education and professional training across cultures, disciplines, and sectors, as well as other relevant international organizations, could further contribute to the achievements of the Sustainable Development Goals.

17. Takes note of increased efforts, knowledge, and skills in tackling corruption at the global, regional, and national levels, recognizes that research into all aspects of corruption and post-secondary anti-corruption education on this matter have so far been rare, and encourages IACA to contribute to meeting the demand for in-depth anti-corruption analyses and trainings to this end.

18. Takes note also of the Cooperation Agreement between the United Nations, represented by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and IACA, signed on 9 November 2012, which provides a framework of cooperation between both parties.

19. Takes note with appreciation **of the audit statement of IACA's accounts as** conducted by the external auditor and approved by the Board of Governors.

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

21. Requests the relevant organs of IACA to report to the fifth session of the Assembly of Parties on progress made in respect of this Resolution.