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Your Excellencies,
Dear Friends of IACA,

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We trust this time of the year treats you well. Let me take the liberty, though, to share with you some issues of interest, such as encouraging details on the upcoming session of the organization's Assembly of Parties but also other common grounds.

- Further to the communication already submitted to Constituency Members by the Assembly's Secretariat, we would like to renew to all Parties, Signatories and (other) Observers the invitation to attend the upcoming sixth session of the **Assembly of Parties**, which will take place in **Sharm El Sheikh**, upon a generous offer by the Arab Republic of Egypt, from **2 to 4 October 2017**. In this context, we would like to – with sincere pleasure - inform that the **Prime Minister of the Arab Republic of Egypt**, H.E. Sherif Ismail, has granted his kind **auspices** for the hosting of the Assembly session, as a reflection of Egypt's highest commitment to all international efforts against corruption and her appreciation, in particular, of the work of IACA. We highly appreciate his kind auspices and are confident that it will further incentivize delegations to be represented at the highest possible political level, and to include in their delegations policymakers and experts alike.

- On a similar note and in accordance with Rule 22 of the *Rules of Procedure for the Assembly of Parties of the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA)* (RoP)[1], a President, two Vice-Presidents, and two Rapporteurs shall be elected from among the representatives of the Parties that are present at the respective session. The **election of officers** will take equitable geographical distribution into consideration. Member States are kindly reminded to consult within their **Regional Groups** on taking over, upon their discretion and upon subsequent election by the Assembly, of one of the said officers.[2] Member States and (other) Parties are also invited to share with the Secretariat, at the earliest convenience, drafts/proposals for (additional) **resolutions**[3] etc.

- In order **to incentivize and value membership, commitment, participation**, and ownership *vis-à-vis* IACA, its constituency, and its alumni and in order to further expand and foster those, a ***Discount Scheme for IACA Parties and Alumni*** will be effectuated as of 1 September 2017, after consultations with the Board of Governors (BoG). The respective scheme sets discounts on (tuition) fees for IACA's academic

[1] Available at http://www.iaca.int/governance/assembly-of-parties.html.
[2] The officers of previous sessions are recorded at http://iaca.int/governance/assembly-of-parties.html.
[3] Please recall that subject documents (drafts) were submitted to Constituency Members in the last weeks, such as the *Work Programme 2017-2020 (draft)* and the *Budgets 2017 (second half-year) and 2018 (draft).*

programmes and educational activities. It will not, however, cover tailor-made trainings/ events, or programmes/activities supported by a funding arrangement.

The following general discounts will apply:[4]

- **10 %** for participants from IACA's Parties[5];
- **15 %** for participants from IACA's Parties[6] for newly created[7] programmes;
- **15 %** for (registered) IACA Alumni;
- **20 %** for participants from IACA's Parties[8] which contribute(d) financially to IACA's general budget[9] anytime between 1 January of the preceding calendar year and the day of the registration/ application for the respective programme/activity.

This scheme will be effective as of 1 September 2017[10] and remains valid until revocation. We are positive that such measures help value and support Member States' commitment, participation, and ownership *vis-à-vis* IACA. Please note that further details and procedures will be clearly outlined and explained with respective course materials and on our website.

I take the liberty also of recalling IACA's recent launch of its second Master programme. The ***International Master in Anti-Corruption Compliance and Collective Action*** (IMACC) is the first global master's programme specifically designed for professionals in compliance and related areas, such as governance, investigations, audit, legal, regulatory, and collective action. The two-year course will feature internationally renowned experts from companies, government, academia, and international organizations and is fully recognized under the EU's (plus) "Bologna process".[11] The international faculty represents a Who's Who in anti-corruption and compliance, see http://iaca.int/faculty.html. The IMACC also offers a unique opportunity for participants to be part of a broad network of anti-corruption and compliance practitioners: **IACA's alumni network includes members from more than 150 countries**. The application deadline is 1 November 2017. The first in-class session will take place on 14 – 20 January 2018. We would be grateful if you would share this new service with the relevant authorities, stakeholders, and other interested parties. Detailed information is available also at http://iaca.int/academic-programmes/imacc.html.

We would finally like to draw your attention to the **vacancy** section[12] of our website. IACA's staff consists of employees from all around the world. All staff members have passed an international screening and recruitment process and are regularly hired under international contracts. In striving for geographical and cultural diversity and the **best qualified personnel**, IACA has, since the establishment of the organization in 2011, employed staff (including those under secondment contracts, research fellows,

[4] Only the highest applicable discount shall apply, i.e. discounts are of non-cumulative nature.
[5] Valid passport-holders of States and staff members of international organizations that are Parties to the IACA Agreement.
[6] See footnote 5
[7] These will be clearly marked and outlined as such.
[8] See footnote 5
[9] Contributions have to be credited to IACA's bank account in the stated period.
[10] Programmes/activities, whose deadline for applications ended before that date shall not be, retro-actively, eligible for this scheme.
[11] https://wissenschaft.bmwfw.gv.at/fileadmin/user_upload/Kasparovsky/EMpfehlungen/2.1.4.15a_E_BF.pdf
[12] http://iaca.int/about-us/vacancies.html

and interns) from the following countries: Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Lebanon, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Peru, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uzbekistan, and Zimbabwe. Currently IACA's workforce is composed of 57 % female and 43 % male staff. In the latter context and in line with, *inter alia*, the goals of the *2030 Development Agenda*, we have recently joined and committed ourselves to also act as "gender champion"[13].

In conclusion, let me wish you some more relaxing and pleasant days (if applicable). I look forward to our further collaboration on the preparations for the upcoming session of the Assembly of Parties in Sharm El-Sheikh and trust to see most of you there too.

Please accept the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration,

With my kind and most respectful regards,

[13] http://genderchampions.com/