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Excellency,

In my capacity as the Executive Secretary of the Assembly of Parties (AoP) and in addition to the information sent by the Secretariat of the AoP on 24 July 2017, I would like to draw your attention to a number of relevant matters regarding the preparation of the **sixth session of the Assembly of Parties** to the International Anti-Corruption Academy (AoP to IACA), which will take place in Sharm El Sheikh, the Arab Republic of Egypt, from 2 to 4 October 2017.

Pursuant to Article V of the *Agreement for the Establishment of IACA as an International Organization* (the Agreement), the Assembly serves as the forum for Parties to consult on the overall policy of the organization and on other matters of interest. The **High-Level Segment** at the beginning of the General Discussion session, provides the opportunity for representatives of the ministerial (and/or higher or equal) rank to address the conference, afford guidance for its deliberations, and set the political direction for the work of the organization.

On a procedural note, it is recalled that - in accordance with Chapter VI of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure (RoP) - delegations shall be **duly accredited**. In this context, please note that the Assembly's RoP allow for the Permanent Representative of a Party to IACA to notify the Assembly of the composition of his/her country's delegation and issue credentials thereto. The **Permanent Representative** shall have, however, already presented his/her general credentials to the organization. Allow us, therefore, to kindly renew our invitation to all Parties which have not yet done so to present such general credentials at their earliest convenience.

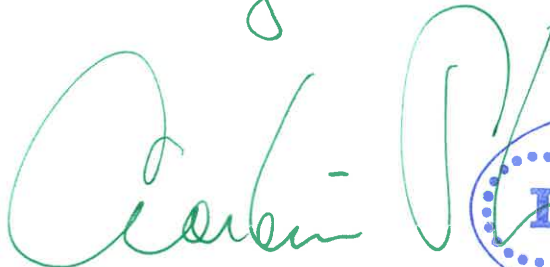
One of the provisional agenda items for the sixth session of the Assembly of Parties, as adopted by Resolution AOP5-Res-3, foresees the adoption of the **Work Programme 2017-2020** and the **Budgets 2017 (second half-year) and 2018**. The *Work Programme 2017 - 2020* (draft) was drafted after conducting a survey among Parties in line with AOP5-Res-1; all suggestions and proposals were incorporated into the draft to the extent it was possible. Pursuant to Article VI para 2 (f) of the IACA Agreement, both documents (draft) were consequently thoroughly discussed with the organization's Board of Governors at two separate meetings and are **herewith submitted** to the Assembly for adoption.

On a further procedural note, **informal rounds of consultations** among IACA's constituency are intended to be organized in preparation for the session. The first round of informal consultations will take place on Tuesday, 5 September 2017, from 14:00 to 17:00, in Room C5, C building, 7th floor, at the Vienna International Centre (VIC). The next round of informals has been scheduled for Tuesday, 19 September 2017, from 14:00 to 17:00, in Room C6, C building, 7th floor, VIC.

The draft programme of the session, information for participants, and registration form are enclosed with this letter. Provisional agenda and annotations, including information on accreditation and financial pledges form, were sent on 24 July 2017 with the **letter by the Secretariat** of the AoP.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration,

and with kind regards,



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