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**RESOLUTION
ON FACILITATING TRAININGS, CAPACITY BUILDING AND RESEARCH
IN ASSET RECOVERY AND RETURN**

The Assembly of Parties,

Recalling the purpose of the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) as expressed in Article II of the *Agreement for the Establishment of the International Anti-Corruption Academy as an International Organization*, hereinafter referred to as “the Agreement”,

Emphasizing that the availability of technical assistance can play an important role in enhancing the ability of Parties to the Agreement, including by strengthening capacity and by institution-building, to prevent and combat corruption effectively,

Recognizing the importance of IACA as a centre of excellence for education, training, and academic research in the anti-corruption field, including in the area of asset recovery,

Underlining the importance of collaboration in joint efforts at the global and regional levels in support of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) and other relevant regional instruments,

Recalling that the United Nations General Assembly welcomed in paragraph 65 of its Resolution A/Res/71/208 the work of IACA as a centre of excellence for education, training and academic research in the anti-corruption field - including in the area of asset recovery - and looked forward to IACA’s continued efforts in this regard to promote the goals and implementation of the UNCAC,

Recalling also Resolution 6/10 of 6 November 2015 adopted by the sixth Conference of the States Parties to the UNCAC on “*Education and training in the context of anti-corruption*”, where IACA’s work received explicit tribute,

Recalling further Resolution 6/2 of 6 November 2015 on “*Facilitating international cooperation in asset recovery and the return of proceeds of crime*” and Resolution 6/3 of 6 November 2015 on “*Fostering effective asset recovery*” adopted by the Conference of the States Parties to the UNCAC,

Noting that the return of assets of illicit origin is a fundamental principle of the UNCAC, and bearing in mind that Chapter V of the UNCAC is one of the chapters critical to the successful implementation of that Convention,

Noting with deep concern the steady increase in funds of illicit origin flowing from developing countries in particular, and the danger that this increase poses to sustainable development, the rule of law, and security of nations; and *aware of* the difficulties that States face in asset recovery, taking into account the importance of the recovery of proceeds of crime and corruption, including for promoting the rule of law

and strengthening a culture of accountability as well as for sustainable development and stability,

Desirous of IACA providing the manner of support that Parties find useful,

Recognizing the urgent need for professional training and capacity-building and research in the field of prevention, identification, tracing, recovery, and return of proceeds of corruption including by strengthening the capacity of and provision of technical assistance to, upon request, the relevant anti-corruption training institutes at national level,

Underlining that the return and/or disposal of illicitly acquired assets to the requesting State, particularly when it is a developing country or Least Developed Country, provides important resources for the respective States,

Being aware of the need for developing capacity in the requesting States, particularly in a developing country or Least Developed Country, which are seriously affected by flows of funds of illicit origin,

1. **Calls upon** IACA to conduct trainings for professionals and practitioners working in the field of asset recovery and return of assets of illicit origin and carry on research in this field, within available resources;
2. **Invites** IACA to also conduct tailor-made trainings and programmes on asset recovery according to the specific needs of States, upon request;
3. **Urges** IACA to assist States, upon request, in their efforts to strengthen the capacity of relevant anti-corruption training institutes at national level, in the field of asset recovery;
4. **Invites** Parties to consider providing voluntary resources and expertise to support IACA in this regard;
5. **Requests** IACA, within existing resources and in accordance with its mandate as set out in the Agreement, to embark on academic research activities in the field of asset recovery, giving particular emphasis to identifying the major obstacles for asset recovery and to publish the outcomes of such research for the use of Parties as well as the international community;
6. **Calls upon** IACA to carry out research on asset recovery, including the existing legal framework, and conduct an analysis on best practices and challenges with the purpose of fostering the implementation of existing legal regimes, which would contribute also to enhancing international cooperation in the area of asset recovery;
7. **Encourages** IACA to analyze and publish the emerging trends of funds of illicit origin and their effects on the development of the States of origin;
8. **Calls upon** IACA to prioritize the needs of participants from developing countries and Least Developed Countries for relevant trainings and capacity-building programmes, and make efforts, within available resources, to offer scholarships and/or fee discounts for such participants, and invites donors and States to provide support in this regard;
9. **Invites** States and other donors who are in a position to provide appropriate resources for the purposes identified in the present Resolution, to do so;

10. **Requests** the Executive Secretary/Dean to report to the seventh session of the Assembly of Parties the programme developed in this regard and its implementation plan.