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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 continuously growing constituency of IACA, currently comprising 71 Parties to the Agreement from all regions, as well as the ever-growing number of cooperation agreements with various relevant stakeholders in the anti-corruption field which continue to provide a clear basis for IACA's future cooperation and further increase the coordination with the main actors in anti-corruption at the global level,

*Welcoming also* the strengthening of IACA's cooperation with existing Memoranda of Understanding partners, including most recently, INTERPOL,

*Welcoming further* the United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/71/208 of 19 December 2016 entitled "*Preventing and combating corrupt practices and the transfer of proceeds of corruption, facilitating asset recovery and returning such assets to legitimate owners, in particular to countries of origin, in accordance with the United Nations Convention against Corruption*", acknowledging IACA as a centre of excellence for education, training and academic research in the anti-corruption field, including in the area of asset recovery,

*Recalling* the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals, especially Goal 16 dedicated to the promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, the provision of access to justice for all, and building effective, accountable institutions at all levels, and its target 16.5 to substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms,

*Acknowledging* that the anti-corruption education and professional training provided by IACA, in accordance with its mandate, complement and contribute to the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), in particular Article 13, paragraph 1 (c),

*Taking note* of the G20 Leaders' Hamburg Declaration of July 2017 reiterating their commitment to fighting corruption, including through practical international cooperation and technical assistance, and to continuing to fully implement the G20 Anti-Corruption Action Plan 2017-2018, as well as endorsing the four sets of High Level Principles aimed at fostering integrity in the public and private sector; and *recalling* the B20 Policy Paper on Responsible Business Conduct and Anti-Corruption, presented at the B20 summit in Berlin on 3 May 2017, urging G20 leaders to do more to promote integrity by creating opportunities for responsible companies, *inter alia* by

establishing beneficial ownership transparency, recognizing compliance efforts, and enhancing Responsible Business Conduct in infrastructure projects,

*Concerned* about the challenges and threats posed by corruption to the stability and security of societies, undermining the institutions and values of democracy, ethics, and justice, and jeopardizing equal opportunities, sustainable development, and the rule of law,

*Reiterating* 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, equal opportunities, 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,

*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, academia, and the private sector, commending the work done by civil society, academia, and the private sector in preventing and combating corruption; and *encouraging them* to continue their work and support government efforts to combat corruption in a transparent and accountable manner, in accordance with the national legislation and internal policies of the Parties to the Agreement,

*Noting with appreciation* the service provided by IACA to requesting Parties, in particular promoting the prevention and combating of corruption through education, training, networking, cooperation, and academic research, and its role in providing technical assistance; and *encouraging* IACA to strengthen its service to Parties, in the spirit envisioned in the UNCAC, using a holistic approach, which is international, interdisciplinary, intersectoral, integrative, and sustainable,

*Noting also with appreciation* the achievements of IACA's programmes and activities, their specialized curricula developed by the organization, and the growing network of alumni from different regions from all over the world who benefited from these programmes and activities,

*Noting further with appreciation* the accomplishments of the Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS), the first postgraduate programme in anti-corruption studies at the international level, and *welcoming* the launching of the International Master in Anti-Corruption Compliance and Collective Action (IMACC), the first postgraduate programme for anti-corruption compliance and collective action professionals involved with the business sector,

*Noting* that the tuition fees of IACA's programmes remain high, particularly for Least Developed Countries and developing countries, and stressing the importance of rendering the programmes affordable and attainable, including by offering scholarship opportunities, upon request, to candidates from developing countries,

*Noting also* the new PhD Programme in anti-corruption studies, and its initial enrolment, as well as IACA's research fellowship programme in the areas of anti-corruption, compliance, asset recovery, and/or collective action in line with IACA's mandate and research agenda,

*Inviting* all States and other relevant stakeholders to use IACA as a technical assistance provider,

*Expressing* its sincere gratitude to the Arab Republic of Egypt for generously hosting this sixth session of the Assembly of Parties,

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, builds a culture of transparency and rejection of corruption at all levels of society, and contributes 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 assist, as appropriate, 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 support for the effective and efficient implementation of IACA's Work Programme 2017 - 2020, as adopted by the Assembly of Parties in Resolution AOP6-Res-1 during its sixth session;
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) and the *International Master in Anti-Corruption Compliance and Collective Action* (IMACC), as well as the possibility to consider supporting participants from their country or organization attending these programmes, and **invites** the Secretariat to provide the requested information about the programmes to the concerned Party or Signatory in this respect;
10. **Welcomes with appreciation** the recently introduced discount scheme for participants from IACA's Parties and alumni for IACA's programmes and activities, and its intention to incentivize, value, expand, and foster commitment, participation, and ownership *vis-à-vis* IACA, its constituency, and its alumni; **encourages** IACA to offer special fee discounts also to candidates from developing countries that are Parties to IACA; and **invites** Parties and Signatories to take this incentive into account when considering voluntary contributions to IACA's budget in conformity with Article XI of the Agreement and respective national legislation;

11. **Invites** IACA to continue its efforts to refine its financial accountability and reporting to the Parties of the Agreement and other donors on the use of their voluntary contributions to the organization;

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

13. **Recognizes** that the 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, contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals;

14. **Appreciates** the financial resources and seconded personnel provided by Parties, international organizations, and other donors, which have supported IACA in implementing its mandate, and **invites** them to contribute voluntarily in accordance with national legislation to the IACA Scholarship Fund established in 2014, with the aim of increasing the possibilities for nationals from Least Developed Countries to participate in and attend the organization's programmes and trainings;

15. **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, that is based on realistic estimations and cost efficiencies, 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 "plus 1" of the Work Programme 2017-2020;

16. **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;

17. **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, and renewal, when selecting qualified staff, participants, and lecturers for its programmes and activities;

18. **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) and *International Master in Anti-Corruption Compliance and Collective Action* (IMACC), as well as to scholarships for qualified candidates from Least Developed 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;

19. **Acknowledges** the relevance of in-kind contributions by Parties, such as the hosting and organization of courses/modules of the Academy's programmes, to the achievement of IACA's goals, and **requests** the Secretariat to reflect such contributions as part of its annual report on the cooperation of Parties with IACA;

20. **Takes note with appreciation** of IACA's expanded and strengthened activities contributing to research into all aspects of corruption and post-secondary anti-corruption education, especially in the area of compliance and collective action, and the increased in-depth anti-corruption analyses and trainings to this end, contributing to the increased efforts, knowledge, and skills in tackling corruption at the global, regional, and national levels;

21. **Welcomes**, in line with paragraph 65 of the United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/Res/71/208, that the Academy will continue efforts relating to scientific research in the anti-corruption field including in the area of asset recovery to promote the goals and implementation of UNCAC;

22. **Requests** IACA to carry out research on asset recovery, including the existing legal framework, and conduct an analysis on the best practices and challenges with the purpose of fostering the implementation of the existing legal regime, which would contribute also to enhancing international cooperation in the area of asset recovery; IACA's academic research on the existing legal responses to corruption, including asset recovery, could be instrumental to this end;

23. **Invites** IACA to continue developing joint activities and trainings with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Secretariat of UNCAC, taking into consideration the Cooperation Agreement between the United Nations, represented by UNODC, and IACA, signed on 9 November 2012;

24. **Takes note with appreciation** of the audit statement of IACA's accounts as conducted by the independent external auditors and approved by the Board of Governors;

25. **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;

26. **Requests** the relevant organs of IACA to report to the seventh session of the Assembly of Parties on progress made in respect of this Resolution.