

The Speech of His Excellency

The Head of the Egyptian Administrative Control Authority (ACA)

At

IACA Sixth Session of the Assembly of Parties

Excellencies, members of AOPs of IACA,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Dear Guests,

At the outset, I would like to welcome you in Egypt, the land of security and the city of Sharm el Sheikh, the city of peace.

I would like to express my happiness and my heart felt contentment for Egypt's hosting the IACA's Sixth Assembly of Party meeting. Such important event that brings together a galaxy of representatives from friendly countries and experts of anti-corruption. I welcome you all.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The UNCAC, adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2003, may be the convention that is followed and implemented by all the countries to combat all forms of administrative, political and economic corruption. Moreover, UNCAC, is considered the framework regulating the efforts exerted by regional, international and civil society organizations on top of them the IACA.

You may agree with me that building capacities and raising awareness are considered among the mainstays of combating corruption. Such can be achieved through training necessary human cadres and encouraging of preparation of relevant researches that would provide different new and creative solutions to combat different types of corruptions. Within such a framework, I would like to emphasize that Egypt appreciates the efforts exerted by the IACA and lauds the effective role played by the Academy in disseminating relevant knowledge and best practices in the domain of combating corruption empowering countries to prevent and combat corruption. Furthermore, Egypt appreciates the IACA's endeavours in:

availing valuable expertise and technical support to the member states; improving the understanding of the multi-dimensional nature of corruption; encouraging the actualization of social responsibility in all sectors; bolstering international direct dialogue and wide ranging partnership to be a means for swapping of expertise and in increasing cooperation in the domain of combating corruption.

Today, on the occasion of the AOP meeting, we pledge to work closely with the member states to enhance the role, values, mission and vision of the Academy to assist it to keep offering technical support to the countries, organisations and authorities.

We believe that the issues of: attracting new members to join the Academy and mobilizing financial resources to further develop and boost its activities are important matters that should top the agenda of the Sharm el Sheikh AOP. Meanwhile, Egypt is calling upon UNCAC member states to forge stronger ties with IACA to combat all forms of corruption in a way that would accelerate building capacities of such countries to be able to fulfill the obligations stipulated in such important convention aiming at the progress and development of the countries of the world.

Egypt proposes that the Academy would establish a number of branches for it in different regions of the world which would serve the best interest of the Academy and enhance its role in disseminating anti-corruption science, culture and best practices. Furthermore, establishing different branches for the Academy would contribute to building national and regional human cadres capable of combating corruption in the hosting countries.

Dear attendees,

On the national level, the Arab Republic of Egypt works diligently to: combat corruption; promote the principles of the governance in the governmental administrative bodies; establishing new partnerships and boosting the role played by the private sector and civil society in combating corruption. Egypt is not working in isolation of the world and the international agenda. We are taking into consideration the seventeen goals of the 2030 Sustainable Developments Agenda adopted by the UN General

Assembly in 2015 in particular Goal 16 on peace, justice and strong institutions. Goal 16 aims at boosting the state of law; recovery of stolen assets; reigning in corruption and bribery; establishing effective, transparent and accountable institutions; access to information and capacity building. Moreover, we give special attention to Goal 17 on revitalizing global partnership to achieve sustainable development.

Egypt studies and analyzes the documents published by the different task forces of the UNCAC in order to upgrade and modernize its national legislative and regulatory systems. For example, the Supreme Legislative Reform Committee is in the course of overviewing the document comprising the Non-Binding Recommendations and Conclusions Based on Lessons Learnt from the Implementations of Chapters Three and Four of the Convention with aim of upgrading the national legislation to be in congruence with the principles of the sovereignty of the state and non-interference in the internal affairs.

Dear attendees,

On behalf of all the law enforcement organisations in Egypt, we call upon all the countries and organisations to build partnerships and to endeavor to swap expertise. Within such a spirit, Egypt prepared its own sustainable development strategy entitled "Egypt 2030 Vision". In such a strategy there is a pivot dealing with transparency, government organization efficiency aiming at: rendering the government administrative bodies efficient, effective, accountable, transparent, responsive to the domestic and international variables and capable of offering quality services to the public.

Dear conferees,

I would like to highlight some of the social and economic reforms that Egypt commenced in implementing since June 30th Revolution under the leadership of President Abdul Fattah el Sissi. Egypt prepared the National Anti-Corruption Strategy 2014-2018. It was launched under the auspices of the President of the Republic and it includes various executive policies, performance indicators and evaluation mechanisms. The implementation of such strategy led to the putting in place positive practices that contributed to the improvement of the government administrative bodies' performance;

upgrading quality of services rendered to the public; inculcating principles of integrity and transparency in the administrative system; raising the awareness of the public on the dangers of the corruption and the importance of combating it and boosting regional and international cooperation in the domain of combating corruption. Within such a framework, some major accomplishment can be showcased including:

- I. Promulgating Civil Service Law no. 81 of 2016 and its Executive Statute that includes articles and provisions that instill the essence of integrity, justice, merit, transparency and combating of corruption. The law, also, stresses the importance of the full implementation of the Code of Conduct of the Government Employees working in governmental administrative bodies amounting to 6 million.
- II. Streamlining different public services, ensuring the separation of the service provider from the service recipient, establishing one-stop-window that provides services in a transparent well governed manner to the citizens and investors in different governorates, districts and industrial zones.
- III. Launching and actualizing the Electronic Government Procurement Portal aiming at combating corruption and public fund waste; observing transparency in contracting, subcontracting and outsourcing; launching a media campaign to promote the Portal among the government employees, investors and businessmen.
- IV. Launching a national indicator to measure the perception of corruption on the national level. Such indicator would contribute to get a better understanding of the different manifestations of corruption in various governorates of Egypt; hence facilitating designing anti-corruption preemptive programs compatible with the nature of corruption that might differ from one governorate to the other due to differences in economic activity, historical heritage and values.
- V. Launching media campaigns using all means of mass communication and social media to sensitize the society on the risks of the corruption and the importance of combating it. The campaigning materials were produced utilizing unconventional

means rendering the materials attractive e.g. "Egypt is Mightier than Corruption" and "You're Your Own Mirror".

- VI. Developing a curriculum entitled "Human Rights and Anti-Corruption" and offering it to all undergraduates in all governmental and private faculties and colleges. Furthermore, awareness raising materials are being developed to address pre-university students, in particular basic education students.

Dear participants,

The efforts exerted by the State and law enforcement organizations bear fruit. Egypt's points on informal payments and bribery jumped from 4 in 2014 to 4.1 in 2017. Anti-Corruption Index, associated with the Global Governance Index, jumped from 32 in 2014 to 35 in 2015. On the other hand, on Government Efficiency Index Egypt jumped from 18 in 2014 to 22 points on 2015. Few Hours ago, it was announced that Egypt jumped 15 points on the International Competitiveness Indicator for 2017/2018. We are in the course of preparing the new anti-corruption strategy where we will endeavor to evade all the obstacles and problems that faced the current strategy that is about to expire and will strive to radically eliminate all the issues that might undermine Egypt's scoring on governance and anti-corruption.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to stress Egypt's full commitment to partnership and cooperation. We are ready to contribute to all the international and regional efforts exerted to combat corruption. Moreover, Egypt is open to all initiatives and events conducive to combating corruption. Egypt's commitment came into fruition by the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the World Bank, UNDP and ADB to bolster decentralization and combating of corruption. In the same vein, I would like to hail what we have achieved today i.e. signing a Memorandum of Understanding with IACA and ACA representing law enforcement bodies in Egypt. We will endeavor to actualize and optimize its benefits to the best interest of our country to enhance governance and combat corruption.

August Assembly,

At the end, let's work together to build partnership and swap expertise to serve our societies and people. I wish you all the success in your endeavors and I encourage you to seize this opportunity to enjoy the beauty of nature in Egypt and to visit as many tourist attractions as possible.

We welcome you all in Egypt,

May the peace and blessing of Allah be upon you.