

Note on the elections of the members of the Board of Governors

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In line with Article V, paragraph 3 (d) of the *Agreement for the Establishment of the International Anti-Corruption Academy as an International Organization* (IACA Agreement), the Assembly of Parties (AoP) shall elect the members of the Board of Governors (BoG).

This year, five places are up for election, as five BoG members will end their first regular term of six years in 2018, including the representatives of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Republic of Austria, which are each entitled to appoint one member based on Article VI of the IACA Agreement. Therefore, the Assembly is called upon to elect new members of the BoG **to fill the five vacancies during its seventh session in September 2018**. Re-election of current BoG members is **possible** for one additional term of six years.

In accordance with Article VI of the IACA Agreement, members of the BoG shall be elected taking into account their qualifications and experience. Having considered the mandate of the BoG, in particular that it shall decide on the strategy, policies, and guidelines for the activities of the Academy, it is expected that the members of the BoG are **prominent national personalities**, with extensive political and international experience, and with the necessary gravitas in order to effectively support the organization nationally, regionally, and internationally.

Furthermore, the principle of equitable **geographical distribution** should be observed, in accordance with Article VI of the IACA Agreement and with Resolution AOP1-Res-2 adopted by the AoP at its first session in 2012. In order to respect this principle and given that the UNODC and the Republic of Austria are each entitled to appoint one member of the BoG, the other nine places should be distributed fairly between all five United Nations Regional Groups of Member States, taking into consideration that the Republic of Austria is included in the Western European and Others Group (WEOG).

In special circumstances (e.g. lack of candidates), **the Assembly may decide** to fill vacancies associated with one regional group with candidates from another regional group. It shall be noted that, in line with the IACA Agreement, all terms of BoG members will last six years and members are elected in their individual capacity (i.e. a vacancy in the BoG does not revert back to the Party that originally proposed a candidate but goes directly back to the Assembly for new election).

It is recalled that there is no formal procedure to propose and/or pre-consult on potential candidates for BoG membership. In the same vein and pursuant to Rule 65 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedures, there shall be **no nominations**, but proposed candidates.

Parties that wish to propose candidates for membership of the BoG are encouraged to consult on their intended proposals with their respective regional group. Parties are also

kindly requested to **provide information on proposals** to the Executive Secretary of IACA's AoP at their **earliest convenience**. At its last meeting, the Extended Bureau members noted that such notifications to the Executive Secretary should be submitted as soon as practicable and preferably no later than by the **second week of September**.

It should be underlined that in the past, the AoP wished to be provided with comprehensive *Curricula Vitae* of respective personalities running for BoG membership, and that candidates should be prepared to present themselves *in persona* to the Assembly.

In line with the respective frameworks and Rules of Procedures, membership in the BoG is on a **pro bono basis**. The Academy thus cannot cover expenses including travel, board, and lodging, for **BoG members to attend the meetings** (usually three per year). Such costs should be borne by the Party or (international) organization that proposed the respective BoG member.

Parties are requested to take note of the fact that the **working language** of the BoG is **English**. Therefore, a good command of this language is a pre-requisite for BoG members.

In addition, at its recent meeting, the BoG stressed that the **Assembly may wish to consider** whether in the future one of the factors upon which to decide about candidatures for the BoG may be whether the Parties proposing the candidates have assumed tangible **ownership** vis-à-vis the organization and, in particular, have voluntarily contributed to IACA's general budget as well as to its programmes and activities.

Please be reminded that all relevant documents for the AoP (including the Rules of Procedures of the Assembly as well as Resolutions of previous sessions) are available on IACA's website (www.iaca.int).

The Secretariat remains at your disposal for any further queries.