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Your Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Friends and Colleagues,

IACA's first International Anti-Corruption Summer Academy (IACSA) came to a successful close on 9 July, having brought together 70 anti-corruption practitioners and field specialists from more than 60 states and organizations. The overwhelmingly positive feedback the ten-day course of study and discussions received has given IACA additional impetus to continue her work on this rewarding path.

Alongside preparations for the Summer Academy, the last few months have also been characterized by the visits of numerous delegations and high-ranking officials. The Academy has hosted and exchanged constructive talks with representatives from China, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, EU Fundamental Rights Agency, Kazakhstan, FYR Macedonia, the Russian Federation, Slovenia, and UN Office for Internal Oversight.

In my capacity as Chair of the IACA International Transition Team, I have also had the pleasure of partaking in a series of meetings with senior government officials as well as representatives of anti-corruption bodies in Austria, Colombia, Hungary, Ecuador, Morocco, and Panama, just to name a few. Moreover, on 9 June, IACA formalized cooperation with the World Economic Forum (WEF) Partnering against Corruption Initiative (PACI) through a Memorandum of Understanding.

Our 3rd Parties' and Signatories' Briefing took place at the end of May, with the main issues of discussion having centered on the Academy's institutional and organizational frameworks, finances, academic initiatives, and future endeavors. With respect to formal governance, the delegates agreed to make the Academy institutionally fully operable and financially independent as soon as possible. Additionally, the International Senior Advisory Board has also recently convened for the purpose of giving IACA strategic guidance in terms of her academic activities, financial resources and way forward.

In concluding, I would also like to notify you that since our last newsletter, four additional States have ratified the IACA Agreement while two have acceded to it. Some more countries have sent signals to accede to the Treaty in the near future. In addition, let me also express IACA's gratitude to the Russian Federation, which last week announced a contribution for 2011 to the Academy's budget in the amount of 200,000 USD.

Martin Kreutner
(Chair, IACA International Transition Team)

International Anti-Corruption Summer Academy

Between 30 June to 9 July, IACA successfully organized her first International Anti-Corruption Summer Academy (IACSA), a ten-day training programme designed for anti-corruption practitioners and students specializing in the field. Under the motto "Practice meets Science", IACSA attracted 70 participants from the worldwide anti-corruption community, representing various sectors of society and more than 60 countries from all corners of the globe.

The programme was dedicated to examining and exemplifying the changing social complexity of corruption in a globalized world, and working towards finding strategies to the bridging of the gap between practice and science. Observing the principle of regional diversity, participants from Least Developed Countries were provided with subsidies with a view to also cover their travel and accommodation expenses.

Comprising numerous fields of study, IACSA's lectures and workshops ranged from private sector compliance to the application of psychology and sociology to understanding corruption. Panel discussions were led by a variety of international experts, including members of the Academy's International Senior Advisory Board, and focused on the relationship between corruption, the media, and education, as well as the strategic challenges in fighting corruption. IACSA's training activities were complimented by teambuilding and social events, including excursions and a football game.



IACSA 2011 Participants

On the whole, the Summer Academy programme provided a platform for exchanging experiences, elaborating on best practices, and working towards promoting effective anti-corruption strategies, thus paving the way for the establishment of a broad alumni network. For further insight on IACA, please visit the News section of our website.

IACA's International Anti-Corruption Summer Academy was supported by the Siemens Integrity Initiative.



UN Under-Secretary-General
Carman Lapointe

The Academy Receives UN Under-Secretary-General Lapointe

IACA had the pleasure of welcoming Ms. Carman Lapointe, UN Under-Secretary-General for the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS), for a series of discussions on anti-corruption cooperation, education and awareness-raising.

The Under-Secretary General expressed full support for IACA, and informed that her office looks forward to establishing closer links of cooperation with the Academy, so as to promptly and efficiently advance the fight against corruption on a global scale.

"International cooperation is of crucial importance", she stressed, "and the OIOS highly welcomes the Academy's significant role and input".

IACA Hosts a High-Level Delegation from the Russian Federation

The distinguished delegation of H.E. Mr. Sergej Naryschkin, Head of the Administration of the President of the Russian Federation, was hosted by IACA representatives in Laxenburg on 11 July. Issues related to the Academy's mission, activities, research and general operations dominated the deliberations, and both sides emphasized the importance of anti-corruption training as a means of empowering professionals and preventing and curbing corruption.

In the course of the meeting, the Russian Federation officially announced a 200,000 USD donation to the Academy's budget for 2011. "Russia is a founder and donor to the International Anti-Corruption Academy", Mr. Naryschkin noted, and "we expect that the Academy will become a prestigious centre for education, professional training, and scientific research in the field of fighting corruption". Mr. Kreutner reiterated his gratitude to the Russian government for its lasting commitment and the willingness to also partake in financial ownership and responsibility.



Martin Kreutner and H.E. Sergej Naryschkin

Moroccan Minister for Public Sector Modernization visits IACA

On 30 May, IACA welcomed a delegation from the Kingdom of Morocco, led by H.E. Mr. Mohamed Saad El Alami, Minister for Public Sector Modernization. With Mr. Martin Kreutner the Minister deliberated on the importance of the 4th Conference of the States Parties (CoSP) to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), which will take place in Marrakech in October of this year, and on behalf of his government, explicitly welcomed IACA's intention to pro-actively partake and hold a side event at this important gathering.



The delegation of H.E. Mohamed Saad El Alami

Throughout the meeting, H.E. Minister El Alami highlighted that the Academy has a central role in providing practical means to reassure political momentum with regard to the UNCAC review mechanism, and also disclosed that the Kingdom of Morocco is in the final stage of acceding to the IACA Agreement.

At a follow-up meeting in Rabat at the end of June, H.E. Mr. Mohamed Saad El Alami and Mr. Kreutner discussed further details of the upcoming 4th CoSP and possibilities for future joint regional anti-corruption trainings.

South America Regional Tour

From 20 June to 24 July, an IACA delegation led by Mr. Kreutner undertook a multitude of official meetings with senior government officials as well as representatives of anti-corruption bodies in Colombia, Ecuador and Panama. The main topics addressed included IACA's mission, activities, and the benefits of becoming party to the IACA Agreement. National anti-corruption instruments and their efficiency in the specific countries in question and the South American continent as a whole were also elaborated on.

Mr. Kreutner met with, among others, H.E. Mr. Germán Vargas Lleras, the Colombian Minister of Interior

and Justice, Mr. Alejandro Ordóñez Maldonado, Comptroller General of Colombia, Ms. Abigail Bezaón Cohen, Executive Secretary of the Panamanian National Council of Transparency against Corruption, and Ms. Marcela Miranda Pérez, President of the Ecuadorian Council of Citizenship Participation and Social Control.

Complimentary to bilateral consultations, IACA's Chairman had the opportunity to present the Academy at the Conference on the Progress and Challenges in Hemispheric Cooperation against Corruption, hosted by the Organization of American States (OAS) in Cali. The IACA delegation's stay in South America was also accompanied by a guided tour of the envisioned Panamanian regional anti-corruption academy's future premises, and talks on potential possibilities for future modes of cooperation.



Martin Kreutner and Germán Vargas Lleras

IACA enters into a Memorandum of Understanding with the WEF PACI



Robert Greenhill and Martin Kreutner

The World Economic Forum (WEF) Partnering against Corruption Initiative (PACI), and IACA concluded a Memorandum of Understanding on 9 June, establishing a framework for cooperation in the fight against corruption. On behalf of their organizations, Mr. Robert Greenhill, Managing Director at the WEF and Mr. Martin Kreutner laid their signatures to the agreement during the World Economic Forum on Europe and Central Asia 2011, which took place in Vienna. The Forum's PACI is a global anti-corruption initiative, developed by companies for companies, and thus represents an integral partner for IACA in the corporate business and private sector.

IACA Internship Programme – Call for Applications

The IACA Internship Programme seeks to provide postgraduate students with the opportunity to learn about the Academy's activities and gain working experience in an international environment. Interns are assigned to projects relevant to their educational backgrounds and interests, and typical tasks may include assisting in the organization of conferences and high-level visits, providing support for the launch of seminars and academic programmes, conducting research on public international law and human rights law, facilitating the implementation of various elements of communications and outreach strategies, and providing administrative and IT support. Internships are offered for a period of three to six months. For detailed information and the application procedure, please visit the Recruitment section of our website.

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