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Resolution No. 1
Provisional Commission
Second Session

Resolution
on the
Independent External Audit of the
International Anti-Corruption Academy

THE PROVISIONAL COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Agreement for the Establishment of the International Anti-Corruption Academy as an International Organization, and in particular paragraph 3 of Article XI concerning the submission of the Academy's accounts to an annual independent external audit, which shall meet the highest standards of transparency, accountability and legitimacy;

Having regard also to Article VI paragraph 2 subparagraph g of the same Agreement on the appointment of IACA's independent external auditor by the Board of Governors;

Recalling the Resolution of IACA's Provisional Assembly adopted on 13 October 2011 on the Establishment of the Provisional Commission for IACA, and in particular paragraph 1 of its Annex, which refers to the role of the Provisional Commission as an interim function of IACA for the purpose of supporting IACA's activities and carrying out the necessary arrangements for finalizing the effective implementation of the Agreement for the Establishment of the International Anti-Corruption Academy as an International Organization as well as for preparing for the first session of the Assembly of Parties to that Agreement;

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Recalling also paragraph 6 subparagraphs e and g of the Annex of the same Resolution, according to which the Provisional Commission shall undertake to adopt strategic rules governing the operations of the Academy and appoint the independent external auditor, respectively;

Recognizing the necessity of establishing an appropriate auditing mechanism for the effective and efficient financial auditing of IACA, which shall be based upon comprehensive rules to be adopted in accordance with recognized international standards;

Acknowledging the paramount importance of launching an independent external auditing mechanism for IACA's accounts and financial administration with the view to provide IACA's Parties with the assurance that her activities, operations and daily tasks are conducted in a transparent, effective and efficient manner;

Acknowledging also the need to secure that this mechanism be established in a way that fully takes into account the special mandate and nature of IACA as well as her respective principles, values and policies;

Acknowledging furthermore the efforts of IACA in pursuing her aim to function as an independent centre of excellence in the field of anti-corruption education, training, networking, cooperation, and academic research, following a holistic approach which is international, inter-disciplinary, inter-sectorial, integrative and sustainable, and basing every component of work solely on the values of integrity, credibility, accountability, transparency, ethical values and merit-based systems;

Noting that IACA operates, *inter alia*, on the basis of voluntary contributions by her constituency, and therefore *recognizing* the need for her Parties to use best efforts and ensure that the auditing is performed by respective candidates of volunteering Parties; *noting also* that the external audit's overall costs shall be borne by the volunteering Parties in this respect;

1. ADOPTS the present Resolution on the Independent External Audit of IACA, which shall form the framework for the external auditing of IACA, and which shall be submitted to the Assembly of Parties for endorsement.

2. **DECIDES** that the external audit of IACA shall be performed by three external auditors, to be appointed by the Board of Governors of IACA, who shall elect a spokesperson among themselves.
3. **DECIDES** that the external auditors be chosen from senior members of national Supreme Audit Institutions of volunteering Parties, under the understanding that all costs related to the performance of their duties, including, but not limited to, travel expenses and daily subsistence allowance, shall be borne by the respective volunteering Parties. Efforts shall be made so that the appointment of the external auditors takes into due account the principles of gender balance and geographical diversity.
4. **DECIDES** that the external auditors shall be appointed for a non-renewable period of three (auditing) years. At the very first appointment of the external auditors, one external auditor shall be appointed for one year only, and the second for two years only. All external auditors shall act in their personal capacity, shall conduct their work in a most professional and objective manner, and shall neither seek nor receive instructions from any individual IACA Member or any external source, respectively.
5. **DECIDES** that external auditors who participate in the conduct of IACA's audit shall not be eligible for employment by IACA from the time of the start of their appointment until three years after the completion of their auditing mandate. Likewise, persons, who have been employed by or seconded to IACA in whatever capacity, shall not be eligible as external auditors for a period of three years following the end of their employment or secondment, respectively.
6. **REQUESTS** the Dean [for the transition phase: the Chair of IACA's International Transition Team and Executive Secretary of the Provisional Commission] to proceed with the necessary arrangements, which will allow the relevant organs of IACA¹ to decide in a timely manner on the appointment of the external auditors and on the adoption of the respective Rules of Procedure.
7. **WELCOMES** with appreciation the efforts made by the Executive Secretary of IACA's Provisional Commission on ensuring an appropriate conduct of IACA's external audit for the year 2011.

¹ For the transition phase: IACA's Provisional Commission.