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**ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES
THIRD SESSION**

BAKU DECLARATION

The Assembly of Parties of the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA), as a forum for the Parties to the *Agreement for the Establishment of the International Anti-Corruption Academy as an International Organization* (the Agreement), gathered in Baku, Azerbaijan from 19 to 21 November 2014 for the third session of the Assembly of Parties of IACA,

Recognizes that anti-corruption education, professional training, technical assistance, and research are important components of successful anti-corruption strategies;

Underlines the importance of IACA's activities in providing technical assistance, in the spirit envisioned in the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), in the field of anti-corruption education, training, networking, cooperation, and academic research;

Recognizes the importance of capacity building efforts for effective prevention and the fight against corruption and *reiterates* its firm commitment and full support to the initiatives designed to build an anti-corruption environment through education and training at the national and international level;

Acknowledges that efficient, accessible, accountable, and transparent public service delivery, incorporating technological innovations and related education and training, is one of the key elements for building an anti-corruption environment in the public sector and *encourages* IACA to develop appropriate capacity building programmes, facilitate the exchange of best practices in the field among its constituency, and promote international dialogue on developing anti-corruption measures;

Recalls that anti-corruption is the hallmark of any effective rule of law and that specialized trainings, technical assistance, and academic research to this effect need to be perceived as core aspects of an effective and efficient crime prevention and criminal justice system, capable of upholding and promoting the rule of law in support of sustainable development;

Welcomes the sixth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the UNCAC, to be held in the Russian Federation in 2015, as a decision making body to improve the capacity of and cooperation between States Parties to achieve the objectives set forth in the UNCAC and to promote and review its implementation in an efficient and productive manner;

Stresses the need for strengthening the financial resources of IACA, which will enable it to become self-sustainable in the long term and *calls on* the international community, including States, International Organizations, and all other stakeholders to favourably

consider the possibility of rendering financial support to IACA and engaging in fund-raising activities for the organization;

Welcomes the continued interest expressed by United Nations Member States, International Organizations, and other relevant stakeholders to establish a long-standing relationship with IACA, with a view to better serve the common purpose of preventing and fighting corruption through joint efforts;

Encourages 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 the earliest convenience so that they can enjoy the benefits of full membership;

Expresses its sincere gratitude to the Republic of Azerbaijan for generously hosting the third session of the Assembly of Parties of IACA and for offering diverse possibilities for getting acquainted with recent initiatives undertaken by Azerbaijan in its fight against corruption.