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**RESOLUTION  
ON THE REPORT OF THE SIXTH SESSION  
OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES**

The Assembly of Parties,

**Adopts** the report on the sixth session of the Assembly of Parties, as annexed.

# **International Anti-Corruption Academy**

## **Report on the Assembly of Parties**

### **6<sup>th</sup> Session**

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## **Opening Ceremony of the Sixth Session of the Assembly of Parties**

The Assembly of Parties of the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) convened for its sixth session in Sharm El Sheikh, Arab Republic of Egypt, from 2 to 4 October 2017.

H.E. Mr. Mohammed Erfan, Minister and Chairman of the Administrative Control Authority of the Arab Republic of Egypt, as representative of the host country's government, welcomed the delegates and said Egypt was honoured to host the Assembly as a sign of its determination towards the prevention and combating of corruption, also as this is the first time that this important conference convenes in Africa. The opening ceremony was preceded by the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between IACA and the Administrative Control Authority that sets the framework for further mutual cooperation in preventing and fighting corruption.

H.E. Mr. Erfan expressed Egypt's appreciation of IACA's work in spreading good anti-corruption practices and success stories among Member States, and pledged the country's cooperation in enhancing support for the organization.

### **1. Organizational Matters**

#### **a) Opening of the session**

The President of the Bureau of the fifth session of the Assembly, H.E. Mr. Rafael M. Grossi, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Argentine Republic to the International Organizations in Vienna (GRULAC), officially opened the session.

The outgoing President expressed his thanks to H.E. Mr. Erfan for his statement, to the government of Egypt for hosting the Assembly, and to the Prime Minister, H.E. Sherif Ismail, for granting his auspices for this session.

H.E. Mr. Grossi said it had been a great honour to serve IACA and the anti-corruption community for the last year. He praised the contribution of the Academy's Dean and Executive Secretary and staff, and thanked the outgoing Vice Presidents from Azerbaijan (EEG) and Egypt (African Group) for their support.

#### **b) Election of officers**

The Assembly unanimously elected the following officers for this session:

President: H.E. Mr. Omar Amer Youssef, Egypt (African Group)

Vice President: H.E. Mr. Songsak Saicheua, Thailand (Asia-Pacific Group)

Vice President: H.E. Ms. Elisabeth Tichy-Fisslberger, Austria (Western European and Others Group)

Rapporteur: Mr. Lukas Macke, Czech Republic (Eastern European Group)

Rapporteur: Mr. Paulo Augusto Sa Pires Filho, Brazil (Latin American and Caribbean Group)

The outgoing President handed over to the incoming President and wished him every success.

c) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The Assembly unanimously adopted the agenda.

The following Parties were represented at this session: Afghanistan, Argentina, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Chile, China, Czech Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Turkey, Uganda, International Organization for Migration (IOM).

d) Participation of observers

The Executive Secretary informed the room that seven observers (non-Signatories) were taking part in this session.

The following non-Signatories were represented: Honduras, Morocco, Myanmar, Oman, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Interpol.

e) Adoption of the report of the Bureau on credentials

The Bureau, acting in line with Chapter VI of the *Rules of Procedure for the Assembly of Parties of the International Anti-Corruption Academy*, held a meeting thereon and subsequently reported to the Assembly on the morning of 3 October that 40 out of 40 Parties were fully accredited to participate at this session.

No Signatories were present.

The Assembly adopted the report of the Bureau on credentials without objections.

The incoming President said it was a great pleasure to represent Egypt in heading the sixth session. He expressed his appreciation for the work of the outgoing President and the Dean and Executive Secretary, and expressed confidence that participants at this session would fruitfully cooperate and work in the “Viennese spirit” in order to make this important conference a success.

f) General discussion

Before the high-level interventions by representatives of Member States, IACA's Dean and the Executive Secretary to the Assembly of Parties, Mr. Martin Kreutner, was given the floor to present his intervention.

The Executive Secretary updated the Assembly on some of IACA's attainments to date, with an emphasis on those since the fifth session of the Assembly in Vienna in November 2016.

He informed delegates that IACA currently has a global constituency of 71 Parties, with Bahrain, Lebanon, and Uganda having acceded to or ratified the *Agreement for the Establishment of IACA as an International Organization* since the fifth session of the Assembly.

Through its academic degree programmes, open (standardized) trainings, and tailor-made trainings, IACA has empowered more than 1,250 anti-corruption and compliance professionals from about 150 countries, along with hundreds of additional participants from its many other activities. Feedback from students and participants is consistently excellent, he added.

The Executive Secretary emphasized that – courtesy of earmarked donor funds – IACA has been able to support more than 20% of its students, coming from LDCs and other ODA areas, with full scholarships or full tuition fee waivers.

The Executive Secretary informed the Assembly that on this very day, 2 October, IACA's fifth Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS) class was starting, adding that the programme has already welcomed students from about 40 countries in all regions.

The new International Master in Anti-Corruption Compliance and Collective Action (IMACC), which is aimed specifically at business professionals, will start later this year. In addition, and on the occasion of this Assembly, the Executive Secretary announced that IACA is formally launching its new PhD programme – the first international PhD in anti-corruption studies – with a small number of students to be enrolled by the end of 2017.

Mr. Kreutner said that the annual IACA Summer Academy has empowered close to 500 professionals from 110 countries since 2011, while the third IACA Regional Summer Academy, this time for the Middle East, will take place this December in Kuwait City and is co-organized by the Kuwait Anti-Corruption Authority. This follows successful Regional Summer Academies in Argentina in 2015 and Uganda in 2016, respectively.

IACA's customized "tailor-made" trainings enjoyed their busiest ever year in 2016, he informed delegates, with many new requests coming in from Member States and organizations.

Regarding recognition for IACA's programmes and activities, Mr. Kreutner highlighted the explicit tribute in numerous United Nations resolutions, most

recently in December 2016 with the adoption of UN General Assembly Resolution 71/208, which mentions IACA as a “centre of excellence”.

IACA’s programmes and their final diplomas are broadly recognized under the (EU's) “Bologna Process”. They have also been well acknowledged by other States and institutions, one of which places the MACS in a prestigious academic company of only five other universities globally: Harvard, Cambridge, Johns Hopkins, Duke, and Oxford.

The Executive Secretary informed the Assembly that IACA had achieved this with very limited financial resources and a full-time staff of 28, adding that the organization cannot meet ever rising expectations with the means currently at its disposal.

He urged the Assembly to take tangible financial as well as political ownership of the organization, recalling that over the years the Board of Governors and the Secretariat have proposed, and discussed with Member States, a broad array of ways in which Parties can take ownership through alternative ways of fundraising.

Additionally, and to further incentivize and value membership, commitment, participation, and ownership *vis-à-vis* IACA, the Academy is offering discounts on fees for its programmes and activities under its new fee discount scheme for passport holders from the organization’s Parties and for registered Alumni.

He made reference also to Art XI of the *Agreement for the Establishment of IACA as an International Organization*, as it explicitly speaks about “contributions” and not “donations”. Contributions – even if voluntary in nature – would allow for a degree of budget planning and for a way forward; donations, on the other hand, shall rather be reserved for special occasions and, *per definitionem*, cannot constitute the foundation of a credible and accountable organization. In this context, he shared with Member States the idea of considering an Additional Protocol to the IACA Agreement. Such an additional instrument would allow for willing Member States to further describe and define their commitments, and it might also provide them with an instrument of external clarification and broader justification.

National statements were then delivered by the following high-level representatives, in chronological order: H.E. Mr. Omer Ahmed Mohamed Ahmed, Attorney-General of the Republic of Sudan; H.E. Mr. Hasan Neamah Yasir Al Yasiri, Minister and Commissioner of Integrity of the Republic of Iraq; H.E. Mr. Abdulrahman Al-Nemash, Counsellor and Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Authority of the State of Kuwait; Mr. Zaiping Wu, Senior Inspector at Vice-Ministerial Level for the Central Inspection Tours of the Communist Party of the People's Republic of China; Police-General Watcharapol Prasarnrajkit, President of the National Anti-Corruption Commission of the Kingdom of Thailand; Mr. Alexander Baramidze, First Deputy Minister of Justice of Georgia; Mr. Kamran Aliyev, Deputy Prosecutor-General of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Head of the Anti-Corruption General Directorate under the Prosecutor's General Office of Azerbaijan; Mr. Georg Stawa, Secretary-General and Deputy Minister of Justice of the Republic of Austria; Mr. Ekpo Nta, Chairman of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission of the

Federal Republic of Nigeria; H.E. Mr. Péter Kveck, Ambassador of Hungary to the Arab Republic of Egypt; Mr. Keun Ho Shin, Standing Commissioner of the Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission of the Republic of Korea; H.E. Mihai Stefan Stuparu, Ambassador of Romania to the Arab Republic of Egypt; Dato' Razali bin Ibrahim, Deputy Minister at Prime Minister's Department of Malaysia; H.E. Mr. Nabil Ashri, Ambassador, Deputy Head of the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the International Organizations in Vienna; H.E. Mr. Omar Amer Youssef, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the International Organizations in Vienna.

### **Second day (3 October)**

The general discussion continued with interventions in the following chronological order:

H.E. Mr. Fazil Fazlurrahman, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the Arab Republic of Egypt; Mr. Jawad Ali, Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the International Organizations in Vienna; Mr. Ulas Soylu, Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Turkey to the International Organizations in Vienna; H.E. Mr. Agus Rahardjo, Commissioner, Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) of the Republic of Indonesia; Mr. Paulo Augusto Sa Pires Filho, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Federative Republic of Brazil to the International Organizations in Vienna; H.E. Mr. Giampaolo Rizzo Alvarado, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Honduras to the United Nations Office in Vienna.

The representatives of Hungary, Kuwait, Romania, and Thailand mentioned their respective countries' financial contributions to IACA over the past year(s).

The representative of Austria said that IACA currently lacks a sustainable and reliable financial regime. He pointed out that only about 20% of Member States have made voluntary contributions to date, and proposed that the financing of IACA should be discussed on a more continuous basis.

The representative of China announced that his country will make voluntary contributions to IACA totalling 600,000 EUR over the period 2017 to 2019 (200,000 EUR per annum) for the development of the Academy's trainings and capacity-building activities for Member States.

The representative of Georgia announced that his country will be pleased to make a modest annual financial contribution to IACA.

The representative of Egypt said that the MoU signed earlier that day between IACA and the Administrative Control Authority of the Arab Republic of Egypt was evidence of the cooperation between Egypt and IACA.

The representative of Kuwait informed the Assembly that the IACA Regional Summer Academy - Middle East will take place in Kuwait City from 9 to 14

December 2017, co-organized by the Kuwait Anti-Corruption Authority (Nazaha), and invited relevant anti-corruption organs in the Middle East to participate.

The representative of China said that the China-ASEAN Anti-Corruption Workshop in November 2016, which was co-hosted by the Ministry of Supervision of the People's Republic of China and IACA, was very productive and can be a foundation for future cooperation.

The representative of Thailand mentioned IACA's participation in an international anti-corruption workshop organized by the country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bangkok at the end of August 2017.

The representatives of Brazil, Georgia, and Malaysia commended the in-class parts of IACA's MACS modules that were hosted in Brasilia, Tbilisi, and Kuala Lumpur, respectively.

The representative of Azerbaijan informed the Assembly that two students from his country are enrolled in the new 2017 - 2019 MACS class and many more had already successfully concluded programmes at IACA.

The representative of the Republic of Korea commended the many tailor-made trainings that IACA has delivered for anti-corruption practitioners from his country, including one in May 2017 for the Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission of the Republic of Korea.

The representative of Honduras informed the Assembly that his country has initiated internal procedures to accede to the *Agreement for the Establishment of IACA as an International Organization*. He added that the country's Supreme Court of Justice is interested in signing an MoU with IACA.

Representatives voiced their strong support for IACA and underlined the importance of its global work in anti-corruption education, research, capacity-building, networking, and cooperation.

Several delegations emphasized the need for IACA to enhance service delivery to the constituency in the core areas of anti-corruption education, research, and training.

Representatives gave strongly positive feedback on the quality and relevance of IACA's programmes and activities, in particular the MACS, and welcomed the new IMACC and PhD programmes.

Numerous representatives noted with appreciation IACA's new fee discount scheme for passport holders of the organization's Parties and for registered alumni.

Member States broadly commended IACA for its achievements and global recognition in spite of the Academy's limited resources, underscored the necessity of a suitably well-funded general budget, and indicated desires for increased cooperation.

Representatives also thanked the Board of Governors, the Dean, and all IACA staff for their commitment and achievements amid financial and human resource constraints.

It was proposed that for future sessions of the Assembly the rules regarding the process and deadlines for related issues should be set and cleared with Member States at an early stage, reflecting the fact that for this session of the Assembly, the consultation process, including the tabling of draft resolutions by Member States, was in some instances rather late.

The document entitled *Information Note on Potential New Activities for the 6<sup>th</sup> Session of the Assembly of Parties* was not considered or adopted by the 6<sup>th</sup> Session of the Assembly of Parties.

## **2. IACA's Development: report by the relevant organs; review and discussion**

Mr. Eduardo Vetere, Chairperson of the Board of Governors, shared the Board's report on the progress of IACA's activities, pursuant to Article VI (2) i of the *Agreement for the Establishment of IACA as an International Organization*. He provided a synopsis of the Organ's work and the major decisions made since the last session of the Assembly in Vienna, Austria, in 2016.

The Chairperson of the Board of Governors said that this session is one of the most critical in the history of IACA. He informed the Assembly that the Board had discussed the new Work Programme and Budget in detail at all three of its meetings in 2017, including immediately prior to the sixth session. Furthermore, the Board had continued working on the Work Programme during this session in order to take into account and reflect, to the extent possible, the comments and suggestions made by Parties.

Mr. Vetere praised the leadership of the Dean and Executive Secretary, and the efforts of IACA's staff. However, he emphasized that the new Work Programme cannot be fully implemented with IACA's current level of human and financial resources, and in particular the huge shortfall in its general budget allocations. Ensuring financial ownership and participation among Parties and other stakeholders, stability of financial resources, and sustainability is therefore crucial to IACA's future, Mr. Vetere said.

The Chairperson thanked those Member States that had contributed to IACA's general budget since the last session of the Assembly in November 2016, namely: Austria, Chile, Hungary, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mongolia, Romania, the Russian Federation, and Thailand, as well as pledges from China and Slovakia. He also expressed his gratitude to the Republic of Korea and Romania for supporting IACA with seconded staff.

Ensuring financial ownership and participation among Parties and other stakeholders, stability of financial resources, and sustainability is crucial to IACA's

future, as stressed in many resolutions of the Assembly adopted in previous years, the Chairperson continued. He urged all Member States to seriously consider that even small contributions, if recurrent and regularly provided by all Parties, would dramatically change the current situation. He also encouraged constituency members to consider making direct contributions to the IACA scholarship fund, which was established with the aim of increasing the possibilities for nationals from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) to participate in and attend IACA's programmes and training activities. Increasing the size of this fund would help the Academy to continue ensuring inclusive and geographically diverse participation from across the globe.

The Chairperson of the Board of Governors also informed the Assembly that at its meeting in May the Board formally approved the annual audited statement of the Academy's accounts for 2016. The report of the independent external auditors, confirmed by its findings and observations, clearly states that no misstatement of accounts or embezzlement was observed.

The President thanked the Chairperson for his Report. There being no interventions from the floor, the President then adjourned the session to give delegates time to review the proposed Work Programme 2017 - 2020, the Report of the Chairperson of the Board of Governors, and an information note regarding the Independent External Audit for 2016.

Upon the resumption of the session, several representatives called for an additional round of informal consultations on the latest version of the Work Programme 2017 - 2020 submitted by the Board of Governors to the Assembly.

The Chairperson of the Board of Governors reiterated that the Board had tried its utmost to take Member States' comments on the Work Programme 2017 - 2020 into account. He requested clarification from Member States of the major questions and said the Board remained at the disposal of the Assembly in this regard.

The Executive Secretary recalled the intensive work by the Board of Governors on the draft Work Programme, as well as the seven previous rounds of informal consultations in Vienna. He encouraged the Assembly to address the outstanding issues in order to reach agreement on a Work Programme acceptable to the Board and Member States.

The session was then adjourned for a further round of informal consultations on the Work Programme 2017 - 2020.

During the adjournment the Administrative Control Authority of the Arab Republic of Egypt organized side events on "*Reviewing Egypt's Efforts in Executing the National Anti-Corruption Strategy 2014-2018*" and "*The Role of Development and Organization in Preventing and Fighting Corruption*".

### 3. Programmes and Activities

This agenda item was covered by the statement of the Dean and Executive Secretary and the Report of the Chairperson of the Board of Governors. Member States had no further interventions thereon.

### 4. Work Programme and Budget

Following the additional informal consultations, the President of the Assembly brought the Work Programme 2017 – 2020 to the floor for interventions and questions.

The representative of Brazil shared concerns with the Assembly regarding this year's process of presenting the Work Programme 2017 – 2020 and invited the Assembly to reconsider this in the future.

The representative of Indonesia said IACA should maintain its voluntary financial contribution basis, adding that his country will inform the organization about future contributions in due course.

The President recalled the informal consultations on the Work Programme 2017 – 2020 and asked the floor for any comments.

The Assembly of Parties unanimously adopted the *Resolution on the Work Programme 2017 – 2020* (Doc #: AOP6-Res-1).

Next, the President recalled the informal consultations on the *Resolution on IACA Budgets 2017 (Second Half-Year) and 2018* and asked the floor for any comments.

The Assembly of Parties unanimously adopted the *Resolution on IACA Budgets 2017 (Second Half-Year) and 2018* (Doc #: AOP6-Res-2).

The President recalled further the informal consultations on the *Resolution on General Matters* and asked the floor for any comments.

The Assembly of Parties unanimously adopted the *Resolution on General Matters* (Doc #: AOP6-Res-3), tabled by Austria

Furthermore, the President recalled the informal consultations on the *Resolution on Facilitating Trainings, Capacity Building and Research in Asset Recovery and Return* and asked the floor for any comments.

The Assembly of Parties unanimously adopted the *Resolution on Facilitating Trainings, Capacity Building and Research in Asset Recovery and Return* (Doc #: AOP6-Res-4), originally tabled by Nigeria and co-sponsored by Egypt.

## **5. Fundraising Activities/Financial Stability of IACA**

This agenda item was covered together with the draft *Resolution on IACA Budgets 2017 (second half-year) and 2018* and the draft *Resolution on Financial Accountability and Stability of the International Anti-Corruption Academy* and deliberations thereon.

The President recalled the informal consultations thereon and asked the floor for any comments.

The Assembly of Parties unanimously adopted the *Resolution on Financial Accountability and Stability of the International Anti-Corruption Academy* (Doc #: AOP6-Res-5), tabled by the Russian Federation.

## **6. Other Matters**

No interventions.

## **7. Provisional Agenda for the 7<sup>th</sup> session of the Assembly**

The Assembly of Parties unanimously adopted the *Resolution on the Convening and Agenda of the Seventh Session of the Assembly of Parties* (Doc #: AOP6-Res-6).

**Third day (4 October)**

## **8. Adoption of the Report of the Assembly on its 6<sup>th</sup> session**

The Assembly of Parties unanimously adopted the *Resolution on the Report of the Sixth Session of the Assembly of Parties* (Doc #: AOP6-Res-7).