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**ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES
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RESOLUTION

The Assembly of Parties,

Recalling the *Agreement for the Establishment of the International Anti-Corruption Academy as an International Organization* (hereinafter referred to as “the Agreement”), which entered into force on 8 March 2011;

Recalling the Declaration of the Provisional Assembly of the Academy, adopted in Vienna, Austria, on 13 October 2011, where Parties and Signatories expressed their full support and committed themselves towards the lasting advancement of the Academy’s mandate, policies, and objectives;

Recalling also the Resolution of the Provisional Assembly of the Academy, adopted in Vienna, Austria, on 13 October 2011, which established the Provisional Commission of the Academy;

Reiterating the importance to base the fight against corruption upon a comprehensive approach, which addresses prevention, criminalization, (law) enforcement, and international cooperation; and *stressing* the need, in this respect, for strong and effective efforts at global, regional, and national levels in strong support of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) and other relevant anti-corruption instruments;

Commending the outcome of work and the overall progress achieved under the auspices of the Provisional Commission of the Academy, which served as an interim function for the purposes of supporting the Academy’s activities, basing decisions upon an inclusive process and constructive dialogue of Parties and Signatories, carrying out the necessary arrangements for finalizing the effective implementation of the Agreement, and preparing for this first session of the Assembly of Parties; *commending in particular* the friendly spirit demonstrated by all Parties and Signatories during the discussions that have taken place in formal and informal

formats, which have led to a smooth adoption of important documents, now forming part of the Academy's *acquis*;

Seriously concerned about the threats posed by corruption to political stability, social cohesion and sustainable development, which can affect all countries and every sector of society, undermining democratic institutions, human rights, the rule of law, good governance as well as public trust and ethical values;

Reaffirming concern over the laundering and transfers of stolen assets and proceeds of corruption, and *stressing* the need to address this concern in accordance with UNCAC and other relevant international legal instruments;

Acknowledging that the effective prevention of and fight against corruption will be better achieved when accompanied by strong commitment from the political, social, and business leaders, and a coordinated response from the international community, thus facilitating efforts to tackle the complexities of this scourge, which is often linked to transnational threats, including organized crime;

Taking into consideration that the purpose of the common fight against corruption is better served through the generation of broad synergies, which aim at complementarity rather than a duplication of efforts and a better use of the comparative advantages of all stakeholders involved;

Concerned about the challenges in the implementation of commitments undertaken in the context of UNCAC and other relevant anti-corruption instruments; and *convinced* that the solution in many of these cases lies in the offer and transfer of technical assistance, specialized knowledge, exchange of best practices, and targeted training in order to meet individual needs and requirements, as well as networking;

Acknowledging the efforts of the International Anti-Corruption Academy, an international organization with its seat in Laxenburg, Austria, with an ever growing constituency of UN Member States and International Organizations from all corners of the globe and a wide range of cooperative relations with various stakeholders in the anti-corruption field, that aims to overcome current shortcomings in knowledge and practice in the field of anti-corruption; *noting* in this respect that, in pursuing this aim, the Academy shall function as an independent centre of excellence and technical assistance provider 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;

Welcoming with great satisfaction the careful design and successful implementation of the programmes and activities offered so far, based on the Academy's holistic approach in the fight against corruption; an approach which is, inter alia, reflected in the efforts to achieve the broadest possible outreach, to cater to all sectors of society, to provide expertise from various academic disciplines, and to assist bridging the gap between theory and practice, while striving for long lasting and sustainable results;

Emphasizing especially the importance of the launching of the "Master in Anti-Corruption Studies" (MACS), an international and inter-disciplinary academic programme, the first of its kind, which is designed for working professionals who wish to remain fully employed while pursuing their degree;

Welcoming the continued interest expressed by UN Member States, International Organizations as well as other stakeholders to establish a long-standing relationship with the Academy, with a view to better serve the common purpose of preventing and fighting corruption through joint efforts;

Expressing its sincere gratitude to the Republic of Austria for generously hosting this Assembly of Parties as well as its deep appreciation to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the United Nations Office in Vienna (UNOV) for providing the venue.

Hereby agrees to the following:

1. **Reiterates** its firm commitment and full support to effective anti-corruption efforts and to the purpose, functions, and comprehensive approach of the Academy in the prevention of and the fight against corruption.
2. **Encourages** UN Member States, International Organizations, and all other relevant stakeholders in the anti-corruption field to support the Academy and take full advantage of its wide array of services, programmes and activities.
3. **Encourages strongly** all Signatories which have not yet concluded the ratification process of the Agreement, and **calls upon** UN Member States and International Organizations which have not yet acceded to the Agreement, to do so at

their earliest convenience so that they can enjoy the benefits of full membership, and so that stable geographical diversity can be ensured with all organs of the Academy.

4. **Encourages** all Parties and Signatories of the Academy to continue their active engagement, individually and collectively, in promoting awareness of the mission of the Academy as well as the benefits of its purpose and activities.

5. **Appreciates and commends** the dedicated efforts and substantial work undertaken by the Provisional Commission, its Bureau, the Executive Secretary and the Secretariat to the Provisional Commission, as well as the International Transition Team, and **decides** that their respective mandates are completed.

6. **Extends its appreciation** to the UN Member States, International Organizations, and other donors, which have contributed from the build-up phase to the successful materialization of the Academy by providing financial resources and seconding personnel.

7. **Recognizes** the need for further strengthening the financial resources of the Academy, which would enable it to become self-sustainable in the mid-term perspective and, therefore, **encourages strongly** all Parties and Signatories, donors from the public and private sector, and the international community to support the Academy's resources in accordance with the relevant policies and guidelines, taking into due account that special emphasis shall be given to the provision of a suitably well-funded general budget allocation, allowing the Academy to pursue its mission and objectives and to maintain its integrity and independence.

8. **Appreciates** the efforts of the Academy to emphasize the global and inclusive nature of its mandate and to strive for broad and stable partnerships with relevant stakeholders from all sectors and from developing countries, and **encourages** the Academy to continue along this successful path.

9. **Appreciates in particular** the efforts of the Academy in taking into due account regional, professional, and cultural diversity in selecting qualified participants for its programmes and activities, and therefore **encourages** donors to consider directing voluntary contributions to, inter alia, the provision of scholarships for qualified candidates from developing countries.

10. Acknowledges and endorses the documents adopted by the Provisional Assembly and the Provisional Commission, forming part of the Academy's *acquis*, and as contained in Annex I; **acknowledges with appreciation** the transitional arrangements for the establishment and initial operations of the Academy, forming part of the Academy's *acquis*, and as contained in Annex II; and **takes note** of the documents contained in Annex III, endorsing their progress and earliest conclusion, and **requests** thereto the relevant organs of the Academy to take the necessary decisions and to report on them to the next session of the Assembly of Parties.

11. Invites the Academy's relevant organs within their respective mandates, as stipulated in the Agreement, to take all necessary decisions, measures and arrangements to ensure the prosperous development of the Academy and its daily operations and report on the progress achieved in this respect, taking into account the discussions of the Assembly of Parties on the Academy's policies, management and work programme.

Annex I

Declaration of the Provisional Assembly of the International Anti-Corruption Academy	13 October 2011
Resolution of the IACA Provisional Assembly establishing the Provisional Commission for the International Anti-Corruption Academy	13 October 2011
Resolution on the Independent External Audit of the International Anti-Corruption Academy	7 March 2012
Guidelines of the Staff Regulatory Framework for the International Anti-Corruption Academy	21 June 2012
Financial Framework for IACA	21 September 2012

Annex II

Memorandum of Understanding between the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the Republic of Austria on the Establishment of IACA	29 January 2010
Memorandum of Understanding with International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities	31 July 2010
Memorandum of Understanding with the Basel Institute	2 September 2010
Memorandum of Understanding with European Partners against Corruption	2 September 2010
Memorandum of Understanding with The Department of State Administration and Human Resources of the President of the Russian Federation	3 September 2010
Memorandum of Understanding with the Organization of American States	9 December 2010
Memorandum of Understanding with the National Anti-Corruption Commission of Thailand	16 December 2010
Memorandum of Understanding with the International Development Law Organization	8 February 2011
Memorandum of Understanding with the Integrity Vice Presidency of the World Bank Group	28 February 2011
Host Country Agreement (AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION ACADEMY (IACA) AND THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA REGARDING THE SEAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION ACADEMY IN AUSTRIA)	8 March 2011, as of 1 August 2012
IACA Guiding Principles	8 March 2011
Memorandum of Understanding with the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe	28 March 2011
Memorandum of Understanding with the Austrian Federal Ministry of Interior's Bureau of Anti-Corruption and Security Academy	30 March 2011
Memorandum of Understanding with the World Economic Forum	9 June 2011
Memorandum of Understanding with the Commission of Integrity of Iraq	23 August 2011
Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Taxes of the Republic of Azerbaijan	15 February 2012
Memorandum of Understanding with the Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission of the Republic of Korea	27 May 2012
Memorandum of Understanding with the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission	6 October 2012
Exchange of Letters between the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Academy and IACA	30 July 2010
Letter of Intent between IACA and the Romanian Anticorruption Authorities	16 November 2010
Letter of Agreement between IACA and the International Network to Promote the Rule of Law	19 September 2011
Letter of Endorsement and Statement of Commitment with the Basel Institute on Governance Supporting the International Center for Collective Action	9 October 2012
Cooperation Agreement with the United Nations	9 November 2012

Annex III

Staff Statute	<i>in progress</i>
Rent Agreement	<i>in progress</i>
First Preliminary Budget Proposal	<i>in progress</i>
Memorandum of Understanding with the International Ombudsman Institute	<i>in progress</i>
Memorandum of Understanding with the Financial Police and Anti-Corruption Body of the Republic of Kazakhstan	<i>in progress</i>
Memorandum of Understanding with the Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption	<i>in progress</i>
Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Civil Service and Modernization of Administration of the Kingdom of Morocco	<i>in progress</i>
Memorandum of Understanding with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development	<i>in progress</i>
Memorandum of Understanding with the National Institute of Justice of Bulgaria	<i>in progress</i>
Memorandum of Understanding with the Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Moldova	<i>in progress</i>