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**ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES
SECOND SESSION**

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**RESOLUTION
ON THE RESEARCH / SCIENTIFIC FUNCTION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION ACADEMY**

The Assembly of Parties,

Guided by the *Agreement for the Establishment of the International Anti-Corruption Academy as an International Organization*, which entered into force on 8 March 2011;

Recalling Resolution AOP1-Res-3 of the first session of the Assembly of Parties, adopted in Vienna, Austria on 29 November 2012, in which the Parties emphasized their strong commitment to and full support for the aims, purposes, and integrated approach in the activities of the Academy in preventing and combatting corruption;

Reaffirming the importance of global comprehensive initiatives to combat corruption within the framework of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption and other relevant international and regional anti-corruption instruments;

Emphasizing the necessity of obtaining reliable data on the level of corruption for a more effective response to this phenomenon, defining the zones of corruption risks, evaluating the effectiveness of measures undertaken, and monitoring results achieved;

Stressing the objective of optimizing approaches and methods of monitoring and fighting corruption;

Being convinced of the importance of empowering the Academy's scientific capacity to contribute to an integral, sound, and well-balanced approach to monitoring corruption based on the cross-disciplinary perception of this phenomenon;

Acknowledging the efforts of the Academy as an international organization aimed at bridging the knowledge gaps and developing the practice of combating corruption; and *emphasizing* in this regard that the Academy operates, *inter alia*, as an independent centre of anti-corruption scientific research;

- 1. Calls upon** the Academy's competent organs to undertake, within their competencies, necessary measures for consolidating its research potential.
- 2. Requests** the Academy to strengthen cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and in this context implement joint research projects in order to improve the effectiveness of anti-corruption activities, disseminate knowledge on corruption and methods of combating it.

3. **Recognizes** the necessity of transparent and scientifically based methods of assessing corruption at global, regional, and national levels.

4. **Recommends** that the Academy's competent organs initiate research on scientifically based criteria of monitoring corruption if necessary and where appropriate; and **encourages** the Academy's interested Parties to provide the necessary financial and organizational support for these activities in accordance with the *Financial Framework of the International Anti-Corruption Academy*.

5. **Requests** the Academy's Board of Governors to present a report on the progress made in implementing the present resolution of the Assembly of Parties by its regular session in 2014.