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Your Excellency,

The International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) presents its sincere compliments to its Parties, Signatories, and partners and has the honour to notify you of important developments and matters.

On 8 March 2011 the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) became an international organization by virtue of the entry into force of the *Agreement for the Establishment of the International Anti-Corruption Academy as an International Organization* (hereinafter referred to as “the Agreement”). As of today, IACA comprises 55 Parties and 53 Signatories and, by way of its constituency, encompasses almost half of the world’s population.

Pursuant to Articles IV and V of this Agreement, IACA’s Assembly of Parties (AoP) serves as the main forum for Parties and stakeholders to consult on the overall policy of the organization and on other matters of interest.

As the Executive Secretary of the Assembly of Parties, it is my pleasure and honour to notify you that the Bureau of the Assembly met at the end of May in Bangkok, Kingdom of Thailand, presided over by the President of the Assembly, H.E. Mr. Panthep Klanarongran. It was decided at that meeting that IACA would accept a generous offer and invitation by Azerbaijan to host **the third session of IACA’s Assembly of Parties in Baku/AZE, from 19–21 November 2014.**

In this context and given the Assembly’s consent, it is intended to hold the General Discussion of the Assembly at the beginning of its session so that high-level representatives would have an opportunity to express their views and set the political direction for the conference (“**HL segment**”). Such organization of the session’s work would also allow for more focused and interactive exchanges to take place under the substantive items of the agenda. Furthermore, the General Discussion of the Assembly of Parties will provide an opportunity for these high-level representatives to address the conference, affording guidance for its deliberations and the achievement of its objectives. In view of the importance of this event, the significance of the matters to be discussed during it, and the need to reach key decisions, governments are therefore kindly encouraged to be represented at the highest possible political level and include in their delegations policymakers and experts on the issues to be covered by the Assembly.

On a legal note, we wish to recall that according to Article XVIII (Entry into Force and Depositary) of the Agreement, it was open for signature by Member States of the United Nations (hereinafter referred to as “States”) and intergovernmental organizations (hereinafter referred to as “International Organizations”) until 31 December 2010. For every State or International Organization which has signed the Agreement and which ratifies, accepts or approves the Agreement, the Agreement shall enter into force for the respective State or International Organization sixty days after the date of deposit of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, or approval.

States and International Organizations which have not signed the Agreement may subsequently accede thereto, which requires the deposit of their instrument of accession with the Depositary of the Agreement, namely the Austrian Federal Minister for European and International Affairs. For every State or International Organization which accedes to the Agreement, the Agreement shall [also] enter into force sixty days after the date of deposit of its instrument of accession. Instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession have to be signed by one of the three following authorities, namely the Head of State, Head of Government, or Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State, in accordance with its domestic law, or in the case of an International Organization, by the competent authority of that organization.

In order to allow for being a Party at the third session of the Assembly of Parties and to execute voting rights, all States and International Organizations, which have not yet done so, are kindly invited to deposit their instrument of accession, ratification, acceptance, or approval, respectively, with the Depositary ASAP but not later than FRI 19 September 2014.

Furthermore, please be informed that it is intended to invite and convene for informal rounds of consultations among IACA’s constituency at the seat of the organization (which, for this purpose, includes Vienna) in order to allow for a smooth and fruitful preparation of the third session of the Assembly.

Information on the provisional agenda and annotations, accreditation, pledges, travel and accommodation arrangements, special events, dates for informal consultations, as well as all other relevant information will be submitted, in line with the Assembly’s Rules of Procedure, over the next months. In addition, relevant documents will be available on the *Assembly of Parties* section of our website, www.iaca.int.

On a different note, we would like to inform that – in line with Strategic Objective 1) and 2) of IACA’s *Work Programme 2014-2016*, unanimously adopted by the second session of the Assembly of Parties last December in Resolution AOP2-Res1 – IACA is, over the next few months, seeking highly qualified professionals with a strong commitment to the core values of the organization to fill a number of **job openings** as our operational framework is constantly evolving to suit our growing needs and responsibilities. Please note that, on the one hand, most of these vacancy announcements stem from the need to finalize the transition process of expiring employments under the former transitional labour frameworks to new employments under the international Staff Rules; on the other hand, some of these job openings are subject to the final approval of donor money presently being negotiated.

In this context, we highlight the fact that most of the offered openings are also open for **secondments**. In a similar vein, we would like to recall Strategic Objective 4) para (a) of IACA's *Work Programme 2014-2016*, which allows for "the opening of positions of IACA's faculty for endowed professorships and other staff, permanently paid for by **endowment(s)**. Endowed professorships and/or faculty staff would relieve IACA's operating budget and would allow to recruit top professionals from other institutions." Parties and Signatories are therefore encouraged – notwithstanding the fact that contributions are voluntary and, in line with Resolution AOP1-Res-3 of the first session of the Assembly of Parties, 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 – to consider such ways of alternatively contributing to the positive development of the organization. For details, application procedures, and deadlines, please visit the *Vacancies* section of our website at www.iaca.int or relay to <http://jobs.economist.com/job/6764/highly-qualified-professionals-/>.

Last but not least, we are pleased to attach to this letter electronic versions of the **Annual Report 2013** as well as the latest edition of IACA's (newly designed) **regular newsletter**. We hope that you will find the information provided useful and interesting and, as regards IACA's numerous upcoming programmes and trainings, would like to draw your attention to this newsletter and our website.

In conclusion, let me kindly express my sincere appreciation for your support and renew the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

With kind personal regards,



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