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**ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES
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**RESOLUTION ON FINANCIAL STABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY OF
THE GENERAL BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR
THE INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION ACADEMY**

The Assembly of Parties,

Recalling Articles II and XI of the *Agreement for the Establishment of the International Anti-Corruption Academy as an International Organization* (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement");

Recalling Strategic Objective 4 of the Work Programme 2014–2016, adopted in its Resolution AOP2-Res-1 of 11 December 2013, in which it is stated that financial ownership of the organization is a shared responsibility among all its stakeholders and a necessity for ensuring its credibility and legitimacy; *recalling as well* that Parties may consider alternative ways of fundraising, such as the ones outlined in Strategic Objective 4 and the ones presented to the fourth session of the Assembly of Parties;

Welcoming with appreciation the voluntary financial and in-kind contributions, as well as seconded personnel provided by Parties to the Agreement, International Organizations, and other donors, which have supported IACA in implementing its mandate;

Acknowledging that the present financial situation of IACA could undermine its core functions, activities, and daily operations;

Acknowledging the fact that most of IACA's activities are implemented with the support of voluntary contributions from a very limited number of Parties as well as the private sector, tuition fees, training workshops and technical assistance fees, and in-kind contributions by way of, *inter alia*, seconding staff;

Acknowledging with appreciation the work done so far by IACA's Dean and Executive Secretary and all of IACA's staff and faculty for building up and enhancing IACA's profile as an international centre of excellence;

Taking note of the fact that IACA's unanimously adopted general budgets for 2014 and 2015 were not met;

Noting that the Board of Governors and the Dean have frequently discussed and addressed the financial situation of the organization; and *noting also* that the Board of Governors has welcomed the proposals on Additional Alternative Ways of Funding which were elaborated by the Dean together with IACA's International Senior Advisory Board and, supported by the Board of Governors, presented to the fourth session of the Assembly of Parties;

Taking note of the efforts of IACA's Board of Governors together with the Dean and the Chairman of the International Senior Advisory Board to continue discussing proposals on alternative ways of funding including, *inter alia*, the establishment by the Assembly of Parties of an open-ended working group on additional resources or fundraising committee or an endowment fund, supporting IACA's scholarship fund, joint projects of IACA with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime:

1. **Decides** to strengthen and safeguard the financial stability and sustainability of the organization, in line with IACA's mandate and previous Resolutions.
2. **Acknowledges** the urgent necessity to sustainably engage in fundraising activities for the organization in accordance with Article XI of the Agreement with the purpose of securing required financial resources for its general budget and to prevent possible shortfalls.
3. **Welcomes** the initiatives of willing Parties to the Agreement, private sector, and other donors to organize a joint donor Conference.
4. **Emphasizes** that appropriate financial resources of IACA will enable it to become self-sustainable in the long term; and **urges** all Parties and Signatories to the Agreement, donors from the public and private sector, and the international community to support IACA's resources in accordance with the relevant policies and guidelines under the Agreement, on a voluntary basis, taking into account that special emphasis should be given to the provision of a suitably well-funded general budget allocation, allowing IACA to effectively pursue its activities.
5. **Encourages** the Board of Governors and other relevant organs of IACA to continue exploring the issue of securing financial resources for the organization in accordance with the Agreement to enable it to achieve the goal of self-sustainability.
6. **Requests** the Secretariat to further continue its efforts to ensure the transparent and effective use of the resources available, including through reporting on cost efficiencies and administrative measures aimed at directing the financial resources of IACA towards its main purposes and activities, in particular anti-corruption education and professional training, as well as research into all aspects of corruption.
7. **Also requests** the Secretariat and IACA's organs, in consultation with Parties, to develop proposals to raise voluntary resources in conjunction with a detailed Work Programme and a consolidated budget that is based on realistic estimations and cost efficiencies, for decision at the sixth session of the Assembly of Parties.
8. **Calls upon** the Secretariat, in consultation with Parties, to explore means of increasing the number of grants offered to students from Least Developed and developing countries.
9. **Requests** the Secretariat to prepare an information note detailing indicative costs of specific activities, such as the implementation of trainings modules, estimates on tailor-made courses, endowed professorships, and staff positions on a secondment basis, scholarships for participation in IACA's programmes and activities.
10. **Also requests** the Secretariat to provide advice, upon request, for individual Parties and other donors intending to contribute voluntarily and in accordance with their possibilities and consistent with national legislation, where applicable, in line with Article XI of the Agreement.
11. **Invites** the relevant organs of the organization to report to the sessions of the Assembly of Parties on the implementation of this Resolution.