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**Note verbale dated 3 January 2008 from the Permanent Mission of
Indonesia to the United Nations (Vienna) addressed to the United
Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations (Vienna) presents its compliments to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and has the honour to inform the latter that the Declaration of the Second Annual Conference and General Meeting of the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (see annex) was adopted in Nusa Dua, Indonesia, on 24 November 2007.

Pursuant to paragraph 27 of the Declaration, in which it was decided that the Declaration should be submitted to, among others, the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, the Permanent Mission of Indonesia hereby submits the Declaration to UNODC and, through UNODC, to the Conference and kindly requests that the Declaration be circulated as an official document of the Conference.



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**Second Annual Conference and General Meeting of the
International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities**

Bali, 21-24 November 2007

Declaration

Unanimously approved on 24 November 2007

The representatives of the Anti-Corruption Authorities of 91 Member States of the United Nations and 11 international organizations, gathered in Bali, Indonesia, for the Second Annual Conference and General Meeting of the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities, declare as follows:

Recalling General Assembly resolution 58/4, by which the Assembly adopted the United Nations Convention against Corruption and established 9 December as the International Anti-Corruption Day,

Recalling also all relevant General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions, including those adopted on the recommendation of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, by which those bodies have called for the expeditious ratification and full implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption,

Recalling further its Declaration, unanimously approved by the First Annual Conference and General Meeting, held in Beijing in October 2006, as well as the recommendations made by the side-event in Jordan, co-organized by UNODC and IAACA,

Aware of the resolutions adopted by the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption at its first session, and of the recommendations of the intergovernmental open-ended working groups established by the Conference adopted at their meetings in Vienna in August and October 2007,

Convinced of the important contributions that civil society and relevant NGO's can provide to public awareness campaigns and related anti-corruption initiatives, in particular preventive measures,

1. Express their gratitude to the Attorney-General's Office of the Republic of Indonesia for hosting the Second Annual Conference and General Meeting of IAACA, as well as their deepest appreciation to the Government and people of the Republic of Indonesia for their gracious hospitality that made the Conference a resounding success;
2. Emphasize the significance of effectively implementing preventive measures, in compliance with the provisions contained in Chapter II of UNCAC, as a major obligation and responsibility of State Parties, with the support and

- involvement of individuals and groups outside the public sector, such as civil society, NGO's and community base organizations;
3. Recognize that effective prevention of corruption can hardly be achieved without corresponding decisive and tangible enforcement steps;
 4. Decide to amend the Constitution of the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities in its articles 2, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11, as recommended by the Executive Committee;
 5. Mandate the Executive Committee to review the candidates for appointment to the Executive Committee submitted by members for approval by the Third Annual Conference and General Meeting of the Association;
 6. Take note with appreciation of the kind invitation of the Government of Ukraine to host the Third Annual Conference and General Meeting of IAACA from 3 to 6 October 2008 in Kiev;
 7. Express their appreciation to the Executive Committee for the work done in reviewing the proposals and suggestions emanating from the First IAACA Conference; endorse the practical measures to be implemented by IAACA, as highlighted by the Secretary General of IAACA in his report to the Conference and congratulate him for his dynamic work in steering and expanding the activities of the Association;
 8. Welcome with satisfaction the fact that more than 100 countries have ratified or acceded to the UNCAC and call upon those countries that have not yet done so to expedite the required internal procedures in order to ratify or accede to the Convention as a matter of the highest priority and urgency;
 9. Commend UNODC for the exceptional work done in pursuing the implementation of the resolutions of the first session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention and for preparing for the second session, to be held in Indonesia from 28 January to 1 February 2008, and call upon the Secretary-General of the United Nations to give the highest priority to the promotion of the Convention's application and to provide UNODC with increased resources for the proper implementation of its mandate to serve as the Secretariat of the Conference;
 10. Recognize the crucial role of the Conference of the States Parties and the importance of the full performance of its mandated functions and call upon the Executive Committee of IAACA, in consultation with the Secretariat of the Conference, to seek appropriate ways of establishing close collaborative links between IAACA and the Conference with a view to enhancing the involvement and contribution of IAACA and its members in the implementation of the Conference's recommendation;
 11. Call upon States Parties to the UNCAC to develop an appropriate programme of work which will maintain, sustain and strengthen the momentum generated by the Convention, especially in the periods between the regular sessions of the Conference;
 12. Urge anti-corruption authorities, in order to facilitate the above-mentioned tasks, to develop and refine scientific methods of measuring corruption through accurate and objective data on its occurrence and impact, as well as to

devote increased attention to the collection and analysis of relevant data and information, sharing among them as IAACA members their official data and statistics, and invite UNODC to support this process as an important step for the review of the implementation of the Convention by the Conference of the States Parties;

13. Welcome the self-assessment checklist developed by UNODC for the collection of information on the implementation of the Convention and urge those States Parties that have not yet done so to comply with their legal obligation to provide the required information to the Conference of the States Parties, using the above-mentioned checklist;
14. Call upon the Secretary-General of IAACA to support UNODC in the provision of technical assistance to States to help them to complete an early process of ratification of or accession to and implementation of the Convention;
15. Express support for the conduct of analyses of gaps in the implementation of the Convention and the development of strategic plans to fill those gaps, as well as to identify technical assistance needs for that purpose;
16. Call upon States Parties to put into place the required laws and policies that will allow anti-corruption authorities to exercise their functions with the necessary independence, adequate budgetary and other resources, specialized staff as well as professional training, so as to carry out their tasks effectively and free from any undue influence, with secured and stable funding;
17. Urge States to maintain the appropriate balance in the mandate of these anti-corruption bodies, paying due attention to their critical preventive role;
18. Call upon Governments to institute the relevant reforms that promote the independence and integrity of the Judiciary, as well as the prevention of conflict of interest in public office, freedom of access to information and accountability in public office, as these are essential pillars in the prevention and combating of corruption;
19. Encourage UNODC to continue to provide developing countries and countries with economies in transition with a wide range of capacity-building assistance, technical expertise and policy advice. To this effect, multilateral and bilateral providers of technical assistance should mainstream the Convention into their relevant work and increase the resources devoted to supporting developing countries in implementing the Convention in general, and in supporting anti-corruption authorities in particular, in close cooperation with UNODC and IAACA, with a view to maximizing the use of their respective expertise;
20. Welcome the successful outcome of the first training seminar conducted by IAACA in June 2007;
21. Decide to institutionalize and expand the training programme of IAACA, in close cooperation with UNODC, including through the development of specialized guides, curricula and other training material which track and support the needs of anti-corruption authorities and task the Executive Committee to pursue these goals;

22. Express appreciation for the creation of the IAACA web site and call upon the Secretary-General of the Association to consolidate and expand this web site, with a view to making it a useful tool and a virtual dialogue centre among them. For this purpose, the web site should include an organized and appropriately updated collection of anti-corruption laws and regulations and a compilation of links to anti-corruption authorities around the world;
23. Call upon anti-corruption authorities to support this effort by providing and updating national laws and regulations, current research efforts and results, best practices in prevention and control of corruption, as well as information on their organization and functions, including evaluations of their performance and operations;
24. Welcome the joint initiative of UNODC and the World Bank, called the STAR Initiative, pledge their full cooperation with it within their respective competence, and call upon all States to actively support the full implementation of the provisions of the Convention on asset recovery and the STAR;
25. Welcome also the progress made by the Conference of the States Parties to give utmost importance to its mandated role as the body responsible for the review of implementation of the Convention, and reiterate the urgency and importance of the establishment of an appropriate review mechanism, which should incorporate the concepts of peer review, self-assessment and monitoring, in accordance with paragraph 7 of article 63 of the Convention, so as to empower the Conference to discharge this crucial function in the most effective and efficient manner as soon as possible;
26. Appreciate the role of international organizations, civil society and the media in creating public awareness about UNCAC and about the seriousness of the various manifestations of corruption, as well as in extending support and cooperation to IAACA and to the Conference of the States Parties;
27. Decide that the text of this Declaration should be widely circulated by the relevant anti-corruption authorities in their respective countries and that it should be submitted to the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, as well as to the General Assembly and other relevant bodies of the United Nations.