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Statement by International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA)

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is an honour to be here today and to address the 113th Session of the IOM Council on behalf of the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA).

IOM has been a party to IACA since 2012. IACA and IOM have many common interests in preventing and combating corruption, and in the protection of migrants from corrupt practices. Therefore, it is my sincere hope that we continue our collaboration on activities to the advantage of both partners.

Corruption obstructs the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In many countries, the consequences of corruption are embezzlement of public funds or improper use of economic resources, leading to poverty and massive human rights violations.

Empirical studies demonstrate that in many cases, citizens of less developed countries migrate to developed countries due to corruption, poverty, and environmental crises in their home countries. Moreover, migrants, especially irregular migrants, suffer from corrupt practices along the entire route to their final destinations.

The full implementation of the UNCAC and the development of effective and efficient international cooperation in the fight against corruption are crucial for solving the problems we are discussing today.

Through its several academic programmes, training, research, and awareness-raising activities, IACA has assisted states in meeting their obligations under

UNCAC. This has been widely recognized, particularly by UNGASS 2021, the Conference of State Parties (COSP) to the UNCAC, and by various other international actors.

IACA's four master's programmes and various standardized and tailor-made trainings provide anti-corruption practitioners with the tools they need to strengthen anti-corruption efforts in their societies and industries. IACA strives to be accessible to all those involved in the fight against corruption, regardless of their financial and other constraints.

IACA's trainings are designed to respond to the unique anti-corruption and compliance challenges public and private institutions face. We pay particular attention to the nexus between corruption, organized crime, environmental and financial crime, and the implementation of emerging technologies.

In our research on integrity and compliance in the humanitarian aid sector, we identify and analyze corrupt practices concerning migrants and refugees. Consequently, we develop preventative measures and training programmes that can be implemented by governments and humanitarian organizations.

In our view, investing in education, training, and research is one of the measures that must be promoted. Anti-corruption education and training in all sectors of society act as a catalyst for reducing poverty in all its forms and dimensions, fostering inclusive and sustainable socio-economic development, greater equality and equity, and fair and just societies.

Distinguished delegates,

IACA stands ready to put our expertise and capacity-building programmes at the disposal of IOM and all its member states. In our activities, we very much rely on cooperation with a variety of actors. Such partnerships are key to achieving lasting results. It is from this perspective that I hope that IACA and IOM will enrich their cooperation on activities to prevent and combat corruption, promote the rule of law, good governance, and the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Thank you.