



Memorandum of Understanding
Between
The European Partners Against Corruption Network
(EPAC/EACN)
and
The International Association of Anti-Corruption
Authorities (IAACA)

The European Partners Against Corruption Network (EPAC, incl. EACN) and the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA), hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Parties", for the purpose of jointly fostering the prevention of and the fight against corruption,

Concerned about the seriousness of threats posed by corruption to the stability and security of societies, undermining the institutions and values of democracy, ethical values and justice, and jeopardizing sustainable development, social and economic prosperity and the rule of law;

Recalling the numerous international conventions, instruments and mechanisms on corruption, especially the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC); the Council of Europe Civil and Criminal Law Conventions on Corruption; the Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign

Public Officials in International Business Transactions of the Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development of (OECD); the Hague Programme of the European Union (EU); the Comprehensive EU Policy against Corruption; and the EU Stockholm Programme;

Reiterating the need to ensure transparency, accessibility, accountability, legitimacy, impartiality and integrity in all systems created for the anti-corruption work;

Reiterating also the imperative requirement that Anti-Corruption Authorities are given the necessary independence in accordance with the fundamental principles of the respective national legal system;

Promoting the respect for the rule of law and human rights in all anti-corruption activities;

Calling on all stakeholders to base the fight against corruption upon a four-pronged approach, i.e. prevention, education, law enforcement, and cooperation;

Being aware that preventing and combating corruption, which often is transnational in nature, can be substantially enhanced by international co-operation through sharing knowledge and expertise;

Welcoming the achievements of the 3rd Conference of the States Parties to the UNCAC in Doha, Qatar, in November 2009, in particular the adoption of a review mechanisms;

Acknowledging the efforts by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Republic of Austria, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and by a growing family of other international stakeholders that led to the establishment of the first International Anti-Corruption Academy in Laxenburg, Austria, which shall function as an international, inter-cultural, inter-sectoral and inter-disciplinary centre of excellence in the fields of anti-corruption education, training, cooperation and academic research;

Determined to create a strong partnership that will enhance the sharing of anti-corruption knowledge and expertise between the Parties and other stakeholders;

on the basis of mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit intend, as appropriate and within the scope of their mandates, to cooperate closely and consult with each other on a regular basis and therefore agree on the following:

1. The Parties will, on a voluntary basis and subject to relevant legislation, exchange anti-corruption information and related resources. This may include, *inter alia*, research achievements and publications. They will inform one another of relevant activities which they organise and which may be of common interest;

2. The Parties will launch international collaboration for anti-corruption research and training projects, send

personnel to visit each other, study and discuss issues arising from international cooperation against corruption;

3. The Parties will offer to the other Party and the other Party's member organizations relevant activities under this Memorandum at the same conditions as to its own member organizations;

4. The Parties will meet periodically to identify possible priority areas for cooperation that present common strategic or operational objectives;

5. The Parties will designate contact points to facilitate and further their communication;

6. If and to the extent that one of the Parties shall enter into similar agreements with comparable entities containing terms and conditions more favourable to that entity than similar terms or conditions of this Memorandum, the Party shall extend such more favourable terms or conditions also to the other Party by means of a supplement agreement;

7. The cooperation under this Memorandum is non-exclusive. The activities carried out on the basis of this Memorandum shall be without prejudice to any regime of privileges and immunities a Party may fall under, which is specifically reserved and which may be invoked at any time;

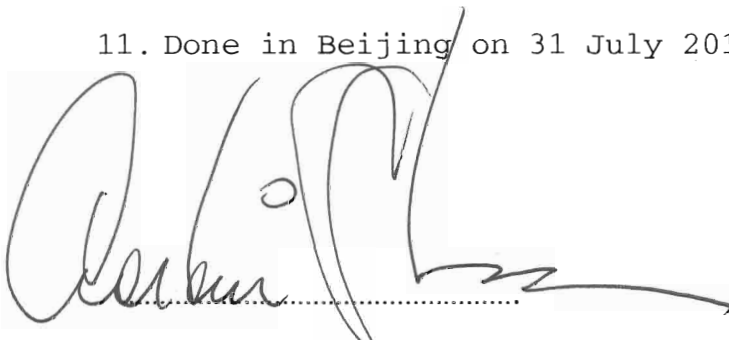
8. It is not intended to modify, or create any obligations contrary to, the institutional and policy framework of either

Party and the scope of their respective mandates. In the event there is an inconsistency between this Memorandum and the relevant framework, the latter shall govern;

9. Upon request of either Party, consultations may be held on the need for amendment to this Memorandum. Any such amendments will come into effect upon signature of representatives of the two Parties and have the same duration as the Memorandum under paragraph 10;

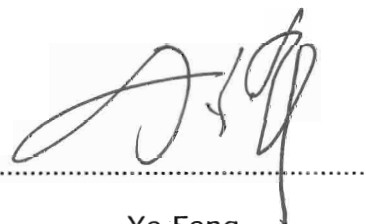
10. This Memorandum will come into effect upon its signature by both Parties. It will remain in effect for subsequent three-year terms, if neither of the Parties denounces it by giving not less than 180 days notice in writing to the other Party. Such termination shall become effective on the date specified in the termination notice.

11. Done in Beijing on 31 July 2010.



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