

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The Secretariat takes this opportunity to update its readers on the latest developments pertaining to the network and share information on upcoming events.

We are pleased to inform you that the final hard copy versions of the EPAC and EACN **Contact Catalogues** have been circulated to all member and observer authorities and are also available on our website. Should there be any further amendments, please notify us as soon as possible.

Your Secretariat

EPAC/EACN Working Groups

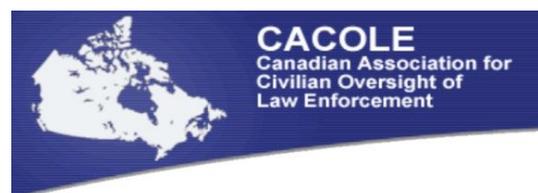


The **EPAC/EACN Working Groups** are continuing their work and refining the draft papers on “Anti-Corruption Authorities Standards” and “Police Oversight Principles”, which had been further discussed at the EPAC/EACN Project Conference in Budapest on 13 and 14 April. Recently, the Working Group on “Police Oversight Principles”, chaired by the Vice-President, Mr. Nicholas Long, gathered for a meeting. In accordance with the Oradea Declaration, we will distribute all draft papers by the end of August for your comments, and the final draft versions will be presented to the General Assembly for adoption.

CACOLE Conference

The Canadian Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (**CACOLE**) held its annual conference from 30 May to 1 June at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Centre in Canmore, Alberta, with the theme “Civilian Oversight: Are We Making A Difference?”.

Pursuant to its established practice, this year’s conference targeted key policing and oversight issues. The agenda followed can be viewed at <www.cacole.ca>.



EU Anti-Corruption Report et al.

Recently, the European Commission announced the planned establishment of an EU anti-corruption reporting mechanism for periodic assessment in order to implement a comprehensive anti-corruption policy in the Union. The mechanism, termed EU Anti-corruption Report, shall have the following objectives:

- (a) to periodically assess the situation in the Union regarding the fight against corruption;*
- (b) to identify trends and best practices;*
- (c) to make general recommendations for adjusting EU policy on preventing and fighting corruption;*
- (d) to make tailor-made recommendations;*
- (e) to help Member States, civil society or other stakeholders identify shortcomings, raise awareness and provide training on anti-corruption.*



The EU Anti-corruption Report, which is planned to start in 2013, shall build on cooperation with the EPAC/EACN and other networks and mechanisms.

When preparing the EU Anti-corruption Report the Commission shall cooperate with existing monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to avoid additional administrative burdens for Member States and the duplication of efforts. It shall draw on the minimum

standards against corruption established by existing international instruments such as the Council of Europe's Criminal Law Convention on Corruption, Civil Law Convention on Corruption, Twenty Guiding Principles for the Fight Against Corruption, the UNCAC and the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention.

The envisioned mechanism was presented in the course of the meeting of the Working Party on General Matters, which took place from 22 to 23 June in Brussels. On this occasion, the Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union also informed on the results of the **EPAC/EACN Project Conference** held in Budapest in April of this year.

As called for by the Stockholm Programme, the Commission also submitted to the Council a report on the modalities for the EU to accede to the Council of Europe Group of States against Corruption (GRECO). It is intended that the EU's active participation in GRECO's work may eventually bring benefits to both organisations, combining GRECO expertise in monitoring anti-corruption efforts and the political role of EU institutions towards an effective enforcement of anti-corruption policies in the EU-27.

The relevant documents can be found at ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/news/intro/news_201106_en.htm, and will be available on our website.

International Anti-Corruption Summer Academy

Between 30 June and 9 July, the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) offered its first summer training programme, the International Anti-Corruption Summer Academy (IACSA), designed for anti-corruption practitioners and students specialising in the field. Under the motto "Practice Meets Science", 70 participants representing 60 countries from



around the world – many of them also from the EPAC/EACN family - partook in IACSA, having had the opportunity to analyse and better understand the highly complex phenomenon of corruption in our era of globalisation. The ten-day event not only included interactive lectures and constructive panel discussions, but was also complimented by excursions and recreational

activities. Overall, the participants had the opportunity to network, exchange experiences, elaborate on best practices, and work towards promoting effective anti-corruption strategies. For further information, please visit <www.iaca-info.org>.

UNCAC Implementation Review Group

In accordance with Resolution 3/1, adopted by the Conference of the States Parties (CoSP) to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) at its 3rd session in Doha in November 2009, the second meeting of the Implementation Review Group (IRG) convened in



Vienna from 30 May to 2 June of this year. Most notably, the role of the IRG is to ensure the efficient performance and effectiveness of the UNCAC review mechanism. During this event, the group discussed "lessons learned" related to the first year of the work of the mechanism, and pursuant to the report of this meeting, the participants noted that the mechanism was off to a good start. The IRG session will resume from 7 to 9 September at the United Nations VIC in Vienna. Further information can be found under the following link: <www.unodc.org/unodc/en/treaties/CAC/IRG.html>.

Changes in the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia

As requested by the Chief Police Advisor, the Secretariat would like to communicate that on 16 June, Mr. Miloš Oparnica was appointed Assistant Minister of the Serbian Ministry of

Interior and Head of the Internal Affairs Sector. Furthermore, Mr. Dragan Cvetkovi is now the Head of the Directorate for Internal Affairs within the Internal Affairs Sector, while Mr. Dragoljub Radovi, former Head of Directorate for Internal Affairs who was performing the duty of Acting Assistant Minister, Head of Internal Affairs Sector, has been appointed Advisor to the Minister.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EPAC/EACN Annual Conference

This year's EPAC/EACN Annual Professional Conference will be held from **22 to 25 November** and hosted by the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) in Vienna/Laxenburg, Austria. Formal invitations and first details on the Conference will be sent out within the next two weeks.



17th NACOLE Annual Conference

The National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) is a non-profit organization which brings together individuals and agencies, with the overall aim of establishing and improving the oversight of police officers in the United States. In striving to achieve this goal, NACOLE will host an annual training and networking conference in New Orleans, Louisiana between 11 and 15 September. We would like to draw your attention to the fact that the early registration deadline has been extended to 31 July. Citizens, practitioners, civilian oversight and law enforcement officials are invited to attend and exchange best practices. For further information and online registration, please visit <www.nacole.org>.



4th Session of the CoSP to the UNCAC



The 4th session of the CoSP to the UNCAC will be held from 24 to 28 October at the Palmeraie Golf Palace Complex in Marrakech, Morocco. The central topics envisaged include the review of the implementation of the Convention, asset recovery, prevention, and technical assistance. Anti-Corruption Authorities are in particular highly encouraged to partake in this event. The official invitation from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) is available under:

<www.unodc.org/unodc/en/treaties/CAC/CAC-COSP-session4.html>.

The UNODC invitation also addresses the Annual Conference and General Meeting of the International Association of International Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA), to be hosted by the Government of Morocco in Marrakech on 22 and 23 October.

UNCAC Interim Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Groups

In line with Resolution 3/2, "Preventive measures", adopted at the 3rd session of the CoSP to the UNCAC in 2009, the interim Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Prevention will hold its second meeting in Vienna from 22 to 24 August. Moreover, according to CoSP's Resolution 1/4, "Establishment of an Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery", the fifth intersessional meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery will take place in Vienna from 25 to 26 August.

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