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Dear colleagues,

1. It is a great honour to address this session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and to be able to brief you on efforts of the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) facilitating the implementation of the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC).
2. Corruption undermines the rule of law and obstructs the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Corrupt systems impede access to justice.
3. This is why, the full implementation of UNCAC and the achievement of the anti-corruption targets of Sustainable Development Goals are both essential to building an international order based on the rule of law.
4. In June 2021, in its Political Declaration adopted at the 32nd Special Session (UNGASS), the United Nations General Assembly “*called upon all international and regional organizations concerned, such as the International Anti-Corruption Academy, to strengthen their cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime*”¹.
5. In line with this request, IACA will continue to develop activities facilitating the implementation of UNCAC through its various academic programmes, trainings, research, and awareness-raising activities. The

¹ <https://undocs.org/A/RES/S-32/1>

goal of such initiatives is to assist States to meet their commitments under the Convention.

6. Through various IACA's capacity-building activities, anti-corruption practitioners around the world are provided with necessary tools to strengthen anti-corruption efforts in their societies and their respective industries. Particular attention is paid by the Academy to assisting anti-corruption professionals in Least Developed Countries.
7. In particular, the 3rd edition of the International Anti-Corruption Summer School, jointly organized with the UNODC, for Students and Young People in Eastern Europe concluded just last Friday. This activity is meant to build ethical skills and mindsets in students and young individuals and to raise awareness among them of the values and principles of integrity, ethics, and anti-corruption. The first two online editions of this programme were organized in 2021 for students and young people from Least Developed Countries in Africa and Asia. A fourth edition is planned to be implemented this autumn in Asia.
8. Also last year, IACA established two global dedicated scholarship programmes – to empower women in Least Developed Countries through anti-corruption education and training; and to assist foreign service officials, international organizations and NGO staff in Least Developed Countries in fighting corruption through education and training.
9. I am very much looking forward to enhance cooperation with the UNODC on such and similar initiatives and that the Crime Commission will support the Academy's various activities in the future.

Thank you for your attention.