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Statement by Mr. Jaroslaw Pietrusiewicz Officer-in-Charge International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA)

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great honour to be here today and share with this distinguished audience perspectives from the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) on our collective progress in the implementation of the UNCAC.

IACA is owned by its Parties, the absolute majority of which are also Parties to UNCAC. Currently, the organization has a global constituency of 80 Parties. We warmly invite other UN Member States and intergovernmental organizations to join this global community at their earliest convenience.

At IACA, we are convinced that education and empowerment serve as fundamental tools not only in preventing corruption but also in paving the way for sustainable development. They play a crucial role in safeguarding human rights, reinforcing the rule of law, and are instrumental in facilitating the effective implementation of the UNCAC.

Through its various academic programmes, trainings, research, and awareness-raising activities, IACA has assisted States Parties to the UNCAC in meeting their obligations under the Convention.

The Academy has also strengthened its relationships with the UNODC, with which it is implementing joint projects, such as Summer and Winter Schools for Young People and Students from various continents.

IACA delivers anti-corruption education and training to public and private sector professionals and practitioners, as well as academics, media professionals, sports and non-profit organizations. The Academy currently offers four master's programmes, as well as various standardized and tailor-made trainings, implements capacity building activities and research projects.

Our priority is to provide capacity building support to all those involved in the fight against corruption, regardless of their financial and other constraints. To that end, IACA strives to make its programmes more accessible financially, geographically, and linguistically. In particular, we support and offer scholarships to students from LDCs and developing countries, ensuring equitable access to our educational resources.

The IACA's academic programmes and trainings address the most pressing challenges in preventing and combating corruption. Our focus areas include promoting integrity across public, private and non-profit sectors, reducing illicit financial flows, including money laundering, and enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of mutual legal assistance in criminal matters and asset recovery. Additionally, we place a significant emphasis on harnessing emerging technologies to bolster efforts of governments and other stakeholders in these domains. IACA supports Collective Action initiatives around the world through its Anti-Corruption Collective Action Certificate programme. In its framework, anti-corruption Collective Action projects have already been implemented in various countries, including Argentina, Bolivia, India, Liberia, Tanzania, Pakistan, and Peru.

This year, IACA joined forces with the international sport community to safeguard sport from corruption. On 14 December we conduct a side-event on Integrity and Anti-Corruption in Sport. We invite all the delegation to take part in it.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The Academy is ready to join forces and enhance collaboration with the UN and all its Members States to ensure the full implementation of the UNCAC through anti-corruption education, training, technical assistance, and research.

Thank you.