



INTERNATIONAL  
**ANTI-CORRUPTION**  
CONFERENCE COUNCIL

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## **CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION CONFERENCE**

### *Preamble*

**Building** on the 15 successful meetings of the International Anti-Corruption Conference (hereinafter: “IACC”) held to date since the inception of the IACC by its founding members in 1983;

**Acknowledging** the importance of the IACC being the premier global forum in the fight against corruption for civil society, academia, governments, international organisations and the private sector alike and the wide-ranging support the IACC receives from relevant actors;

**Appreciating** the key role Countries and their Governments have played in hosting the IACCs;

**Considering** the positive impact the IACC has had as an agenda-setter, shaping the global anti-corruption debates and promoting anti-corruption work;

**Considering** the instrumental role that the International Secretariat of Transparency International (hereinafter: “TI-S”) has had as the IACC secretariat since 1997 in the organisation of the IACC and the significant resources it has been providing thereto;

**Acknowledging** the valuable contribution made by the IACC Council, as a not-for-profit unincorporated body, in its current and previous compositions to the organisation of the IACC, selecting the venue and approving the theme and the programme of the IACC in previous years;

**Acknowledging** the outstanding commitment of previous and current Council members to the continuous support for the IACC, provided on a voluntary basis;

**Considering** that the nature of the work around the IACC has evolved over the years, posing new demands and challenges to the organizers of the IACC;

**Wishing** to create clearer lines of accountability in the new role of the Council in the organisation of the IACC;

The IACC Council hereby adopts its Constitution including its preamble:

### **Article 1**

#### **Purpose and Scope**

- (1) The preamble to this Agreement constitutes an integral part thereof.
- (2) The purpose of this Constitution is to provide a framework for an effective and efficient organization of the IACC. The IACC shall usually be held every two years, ensuring the involvement of the required expert knowledge of people and organizations committed to the fight against corruption.
- (3) This Constitution provides a framework for the composition of the IACC Council, and the roles and responsibilities of the Council in the organization of the IACC.

### **Article 2**

#### **Membership in the IACC Council**

- (1) The Council shall be composed of nine members, of which one shall be the Chair, demonstrating high competence, experience, integrity and dedication to the fight against corruption. Council members shall serve in their personal capacity only.
- (2) The TI Board of Directors with due regard to institutional, professional, and geographic diversity as well as gender and age balance shall appoint the Chair and four Council members.

- (3) The other four Council members shall be invited to become members by the five members already appointed by the TI Board of Directors. As with the TI appointed members of the Council, the invitees shall meet the qualifications specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article 2.
- (4) The Council members shall elect a Vice Chair.
- (5) New members shall replace the Council members after having served a term of up to six years, which in principle corresponds to three IACC cycles, in accordance with the procedure set out in this Article.
- (6) In case of any vacancy arising before the expiry of a Council member's tenure the vacancy shall be filled on the same basis as that on which the member being replaced was appointed.
- (7) Following consultation with TI-S, a Council member may be removed for cause by a majority decision of the Council.

### **Article 3**

#### **Role of the IACC Council and the Chair**

- (1) The Council shall select the venue and the dates for the IACC and shall oversee the development of the main theme and programme of each IACC.
- (2) The Chair shall be responsible for the overall coordination between the Council and TI-S.
- (3) The Council shall convene after each IACC to assess Conference outcomes and evaluate impact.

## **Article 4**

### **Meetings and Decisions of the IACC Council**

- (1) Relying on the secretarial support from TI-S overseen by the Secretary to the Council mandated by the TI-S Managing Director, the Council will meet in principle on a quarterly basis in the years when an IACC is being convened, and twice per year in the years with no IACC. Meetings shall also be convened at the request of the Chair on an ad hoc basis if and when required. Meetings may take place in person or via virtual means, including telephone conference and e-mails.
- (2) The IACC Council shall take its decisions based on consensus. If consensus cannot be reached, the Council shall take its decisions by simple majority.
- (3) In the spirit of full transparency and accountability to the wide constituency of the IACC series, the decisions of the Council will be published on the IACC website.

## **Article 5**

### **Entry into force**

This Constitution shall enter into force on the date of adoption by the Council by a resolution duly voted upon. The members of the Council in office at the time of the adoption of the new Constitution shall resign.