



Letter of Intent on the Establishment of an Interpol International Anti-Corruption Academy in Laxenburg / Vienna

The Undersigned, in their capacity as Secretary General of Interpol, Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Austria, and Governor of Lower Austria, respectively, express their commitment as follows:

Recalling their meetings of 2 May 2006, 4 July 2006, and 17 July 2006;

Recalling the decision of the 75th Interpol General Assembly in Rio de Janeiro, September 2006, to establish an Interpol International Anti-Corruption Academy in Austria,

Recalling the Secretary General's decision of 9 November 2006 and the Austrian Government's decision of 14 November 2006 on the establishment of the Interpol International Anti-Corruption Academy in Laxenburg / Vienna,

Welcoming the past, present, and future essential and valuable contributions to this project by Interpol's International Group of Experts on Corruption, IGEC,

Welcoming the entry into force on 14 December 2005 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption and the convening of the first session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention, to be held in Jordan from 10 to 14 December 2006,

Aware of the seriousness of the problems and threats posed by corruption to the stability and security of societies, undermining the institutions and values of democracy and justice, jeopardizing sustainable development and the rule of law,

Convinced that corruption is not exclusively a national issue but a transnational phenomenon that affects all societies and economies, making international cooperation essential,

Convinced also that a comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach is required to prevent and combat corruption effectively,

1. *emphasize* the links between corruption and other forms of crime, especially organized and economic crime, money laundering, terrorism, illegal migration, illegal drugs and human trafficking;
2. *agree* that law enforcement agencies are at the forefront of this struggle and hence must themselves meet the highest standards of subordination to and compliance with the principles of law, justice, social responsibility and ethics;

3. *express* their sincere commitment to establish an international multidisciplinary state-of-the-art training and research centre for anti-corruption issues in Laxenburg / Vienna.

Being committed to an early start of the Interpol International Anti-Corruption Academy's activities, they will do everything necessary to implement this important initiative without delay. This includes, inter alia, the signing and implementation of the subject Headquarters Agreement as soon as possible, as well as the organisation of a joint 'Founders' Conference' in Vienna in spring of 2007.

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