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To the distinguished
Permanent Representatives
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Excellency,

During the last months, all of us have been going through extraordinary times. Confined to working from home offices during the near-complete lock down, we have been trying to balance health concerns for our staff members with the duty to continue delivering on our mandates. At least in our host country Austria, the strict measures imposed on the entire society seem to be bearing fruit and we are all hoping for a return to normality in the foreseeable future.

Pursuant to my letter (IACA-2020-ER-0061) dated 16 April, please allow me to follow up and to share with you the updates on IACA activities in the context of the current Covid-19 virus pandemic, which has had a profound impact on the work of the Vienna-based international organizations, including IACA.

The complete lock-down that also IACA had to abide by impeded us to continue business as usual and to deliver any of our programs the way we used to. Consequently, turning challenges into opportunities, IACA embarked on a concerted and focused effort to translate all of our programs, including the masters' programs and all other educational activities into an e-learning platform.

Today, I am happy and proud to inform you, that we have successfully started delivery of our first activities on such e-learning platform.

A few days ago, I initiated delivery of Module VII of our MACS program to students participating via Zoom form their home offices in their respective countries. Hence, our Masters students will not suffer any delay in their academic work, nor any loss of quality. Nevertheless, we do hope to be able to bring all students of this class to Laxenburg in November for the defense of their masters' theses.

The online sessions include interactive presentations, forum discussions, and live lectures which are being taught and attended from five continents. At present, the online sessions include Module VII of MACS 2018 (4-22 May), as well as Module III of IMACC 2019 and Module III of MACS 2019 (both taking place from 18 May to 5 June).

In addition, IACA is offering further opportunities for capacity building in anti-corruption. On 30 April, the Academy launched its on-demand video lecture titled "Use of Anti-Corruption Compliance Standards and Guidelines for Designing and Implementing an Anti-Corruption Compliance Programme", which aims to support companies in the implementation of anti-corruption compliance programmes content and will be especially useful for small and medium-sized enterprises. This lecture is available on the IACA website (https://www.iaca.int/iaca-programmes/online-training/training-catalogue/eduard-ivanov-course.html) and also on IACA's YouTube channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpRRoMzhO70TzNBl9OA6hEw). One more session was delivered this Thursday and two more sessions will be delivered on Thursdays of each of the next two weeks. This will meet the needs of the anti-corruption community for efficient and effective learning.

Our small team at IACA also succeeded in developing our first online course, which has also been made available online. The course is titled "Insights into Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence: A Basic Introduction for Non-Technicians" and seeks to offer non-technical insights into some of the most interesting and important aspects of the way in which crime and criminal justice are responding to the Information Society. The course introduces the main theses, threats, challenges, and conundrums posed by this most modern trend of crime and explores the main solutions designed to address them. This course is comprised of 11 sessions with a final test and is offered on a non-commercial, non-profit basis. Interested participants can register to the course on the IACA website (https://www.iaca.int/iaca-programmes/online-training/training-catalogue/steven-david-brown-course/).

IACA staff keep working to provide further online training opportunities to its worldwide network and to the general public on the Online Training section of the IACA website (https://www.iaca.int/iaca-programmes/online-training/training-catalogue.html).

Excellency, I would very much like to invite you to benefit from these learning offers and to also share this information, as well as the links to our online programs among any constituencies sharing our fight against corruption.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration,