



INTERNATIONAL  
ANTI-CORRUPTION  
CONFERENCE COUNCIL

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

### *Preamble*

**Building** on the 20 successful meetings of the International Anti-Corruption Conference (“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;

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

**Bearing in mind** 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 date, and approving the theme and the programme of the IACC in previous years;

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

**Placing on record** that the nature of the work around the IACC has evolved over the years, posing new demands and challenges for the organisers 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 (“**Council**”) hereby adopts its Constitution including its preamble:

## **Article 1**

### **Purpose and Scope**

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

## **Article 2**

### **Membership in the Council**

- (1) The Council is composed of seven members, of which one is the Council’s Chair (“**Chair**”), who demonstrates high competence, experience, integrity and dedication to the fight against corruption. Council members serve in their personal capacity only.
- (2) The Transparency International Board of Directors (“**TI Board**”) with due regard to institutional, professional, and geographic diversity as well as gender and age balance has the right to appoint the Chair for five years.

- (3) Three ordinary Council members are appointed by TI Board following a proposal from the Chair for one five-year term. The Council appoint the other three ordinary Council members. As with the TI appointed Chair, the invitees shall meet the criteria specified in paragraphs 1 and 2.
- (4) To allow for staggering the Chair may propose to appoint Council members for a shorter period than five years. If the remaining period is equal to or shorter than three years, the new Council member is allowed to be appointed for a second term.
- (5) The Council members elect a Vice-Chair.
- (6) In case of any vacancy arising before the expiry of a Council member's tenure the vacancy will be filled for the remaining period of the respective term. If the remaining period is equal to or shorter than three years, the new Council member is allowed to be appointed for a second term.
- (7) Following consultation with TI, the Council may remove for cause one or more of its members.
- (8) In principle, the Council decides by consensus if that is not possible a majority vote will be needed. In case of tie, the Chair has double vote.

### **Article 3**

#### **The organization of the IACC**

- (1) The Council selects – in consultation with TI – the venue and the dates of each IACC.
- (2) The Chair oversees the development of the main theme and programme of each IACC, in consultation with the Council. The Chair may also consult TI International Council or some of its members.
- (3) The Chair represents the Council in the relationship to TI.
- (4) TI is in charge of operational matters of the IACC.
- (5) The Council assesses the outcomes of each IACC and evaluates the impact in collaboration with TI.

### **Article 4**

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

- (1) 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.
- (2) The Chair may convene the Council on an ad hoc basis if and when required. Meetings may take place in person or via virtual means.
  - (3) The Chief Executive Officer of TI in consultation with the Chair has the right to appoint a Secretary to the Council (“**Secretary**”) who supports the Council in line with TI standards.
  - (4) The Secretary is responsible for the overall coordination between the Council and TI. The Secretary organizes regular coordination meetings which complement the IACC meetings as set out in this Constitution.
  - (5) In the spirit of full transparency and accountability to the wide constituency of the IACC, the meetings of the Council will be minuted, and the minutes shared on the IACC website.
  - (6) All members of the Council including its Chair will publish their register of interests on the IACC website and keep those registers updated bi-annually.
  - (7) The Council via its Chair will provide an annual report to the TI Board listing the activities of the IACC Council. The report will be published on the IACC website. The Secretary supports the Chair in the reporting process.

## **Article 5**

### **Ethics & Dispute Resolution**

- (1) The IACC Council and its Chair maintain their standard commitments to ethics and integrity as laid out in relevant TI Codes and Guidelines and the TI Umbrella Agreement. The IACC Council and its Chair systematically consider additional ethical concerns and conflicting duties or interests arising from their involvement in the IACC itself. They collectively apply sound judgement and due care in handling such issues.
- (2) Where an unforeseen ethics or integrity issue arises, the IACC Council discloses it promptly and seeks guidance from the relevant organs of TI.
- (3) Any disputes between TI and the IACC are – if not possible to be solved in an amicable manner – raised to the TI Board.

## **Article 6**

### **Entry into force**

### **& Amendments**

This Constitution enters into force on the date of adoption by the Council by a resolution duly voted upon by all Council members. This Constitution can be amended by the IACC Council following a proposal by the Chair.

## **Article 7**

### **Dissolution**

The IACC Council can be dissolved by a majority vote of the IACC Council members following a proposal by the Chair.