



**LETTER OF INTENT
BETWEEN
THE INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION ACADEMY
AND
THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC**

The International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) and the Slovak Republic, represented by its Government;

Concerned about the seriousness of problems and threats posed by corruption to the stability and security of societies, undermining peace, justice, the institutions and values of democracy, ethical principles and public trust, and jeopardizing sustainable development and the rule of law;

Concerned further about the negative impact of corruption on the enjoyment of human rights, while – at the same time – *recognizing* that the negative impact of corruption on human rights and sustainable development can be combated through anti-corruption education and empowerment;

Having due regard to the wide-spread international recognition of IACA as an international organization and independent centre of excellence in the field of anti-corruption education, training, networking, cooperation, and academic research;

Taking into account that the Slovak Republic has been a Signatory to the *Agreement for the Establishment of the International Anti-Corruption Academy as an International Organization*, and became a Party to this Agreement on 23 May 2011;

Having regard to first constructive talks, submitted proposals, and ideas exchanged, thus *welcoming and acknowledging* the Slovak Republic's intention to increase mutual cooperation in the prevention of and the fight against corruption nationally, regionally, and internationally;

ON THE BASIS OF mutual respect, equality, and good faith express the following intentions:

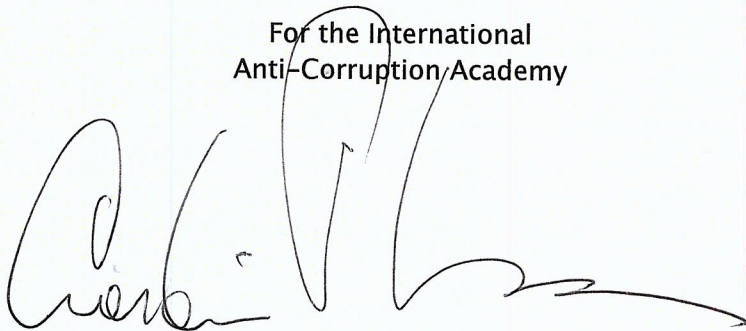
1. Both sides
 - a. will, for their mutual benefit, explore in detail the implementation of concrete forms of cooperation, and further exchange proposals thereon in order to enhance and support the Rule of Law as well as the anti-corruption / compliance regimes of the Slovak Republic, including the public perception thereon, further empower experts and professionals on a national and regional level, seek for outreach to and synergies with regional and international partners, pursue sustainable results, and help to foster dialogue and trust among all stakeholders in society, nationally and beyond;

- b. will, as a consequence, consider and work on the conclusion of concrete and detailed cooperation and implementing arrangements on specific anti-corruption empowerment activities;
- c. do not intend to enter into financial or other commitments under this Letter of Intent but reserve such detailed commitments to (a) separate written arrangement(s);
- d. will implement this Letter of Intent as soon as possible and within the scope of their respective mandates and in accordance with their applicable policies, laws, and regulations.

2. This Letter of Intent will become effective on the date of its signature and remains in effect for a period of three years. It may be terminated consensually at any time, or by either side upon three months written notice. In the case of termination, any arrangements of cooperation concluded by both sides under or in relation to this Letter of Intent will be executed and/or finalized as stipulated in these arrangements, or as otherwise agreed by both sides.


SIGNED in Laxenburg on 22 September 2017 in duplicate in the English language.

For the International
Anti-Corruption Academy



Martin KREUTNER
Dean

For the Government of
the Slovak Republic



Robert FICO
Prime Minister