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GENERAL ASSEMBLY Sixth Committee

Item 171: “Observer status for the International Anti-Corruption Academy in the General Assembly”

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Mr. Chairman,

Thank you for giving me the floor.

Allow me also to thank Austria for introducing the draft resolution under Agenda item n. 171, entitled "Observer status for the International Anti-Corruption Academy in the General Assembly".

Brazil attaches great importance to this draft resolution. We believe that advancing the goals of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, promoting the rule of law and providing support and technical assistance in translating anti-corruption efforts into reality would benefit from a visible and productive interaction with the General Assembly. IACA, as Austria has clearly emphasized, meets the relevant criteria for the granting of observer status in the General Assembly.

Moreover, the Academy, a global and inclusive intergovernmental organization, reinforces a holistic approach to professionalizing anti-corruption education and research, with due regard to geographical and cultural diversity. As the General Assembly has already underlined, fighting corruption is crucial to eradicate poverty more effectively. Therefore, closer institutional ties between the General Assembly and the mentioned Academy will be mutually beneficial and open new possibilities for cooperation.

Brazil supports and will very much appreciate the adoption of the International Anti-Corruption Academy draft resolution.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.