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**Agenda Item 171: Observer status for the International Anti-
Corruption Academy in the General Assembly**

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Mr. Chair,

My delegation fully supports the request of the International Anti-Corruption Academy or IACA for observer status in the General Assembly. In doing so, we also express our sincere appreciation to the IACA for its vital contribution to the fight against Corruption at national and international levels.

Mr. Chair,

Anti-corruption is an integral part of good governance and the rule of law. For Thailand, anti-corruption is a priority of the Government's national agenda.

The Royal Thai Government is working closely with IACA at various levels. Last year, Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Thailand to the UN in Vienna, was elected Vice President of the First Assembly of Parties of IACA in Vienna. In December this year, Thailand will host the 2nd IACA Assembly of Parties in Bangkok. Thailand's Anti-Corruption Commission also continues to enjoy close cooperation with IACA. Our National Anti-Corruption Commissioner, Dr. Pakdee Pothisiri, was elected a member of the Board of Governors of the IACA. In addition, Prof. Vicha Mahakun, was appointed a member of the International Senior Advisory Board of the IACA.

Mr. Chair,

The IACA is an intergovernmental organization whose activities deals with issues of concerned to Member States and the General Assembly. Moreover the IACA fulfills all the requirements to be granted observer status. As a cosponsor of the draft resolution on this item, Thailand therefore hopes that the General Assembly will unanimously grant the IACA observer status.

Thank you. Mr. Chair