On the occasion of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the rule of law at the national and international levels

have the honor to invite the Head of Delegation, the Permanent Representatives and Members of the Delegation to a

HIGH-LEVEL PANEL DISCUSSION

STRENGTHENING THE RULE OF LAW: THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION AND ITS IMPACT ON SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH

Monday, 24 September 2012, 1.00 – 2.30 p.m.
at the Edgar J. Kaufmann Conference Room, 809 United Nations Plaza (1st Ave, betw. 45th and 46th Str), 12th floor

hosted by

Federal President of the Republic of Austria
H.E. HEINZ FISCHER

President of the Republic of Estonia
H. E. TOOMAS HENDRIK ILVES

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan
H.E. KOICHIRO GEMBA

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tunisia
H. E. RAFIK ABDESSALEM

Panelists:
YURY FEDOTOV - UNODC Executive Director
Martin Kreutner - International Anti-Corruption Academy

Jason Stevens – Mitsubishi International Corporation
Kevin Rogan – Siemens Corporation

Moderator:
Claudia J. Dumas - President & CEO, Transparency International USA

The side event will illustrate the detrimental effects of corruption on sustainable economic growth, society and good business, and panelists will report on effective measures to counter corruption on state and company level. A light lunch will be provided following the panel discussion.

For further information on the side event please contact Mrs. Catherine Quidenus (catherine.quidenus@bmeia.gv.at or (917) 542 8404).
Please RSVP to helmut.graf@bmeia.gv.at or (917) 542 8418 by 18 September 2012.
UNODC is the guardian of the UN Convention against Corruption, the basis for our international efforts to combat corruption. Universal adherence to the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), and its full implementation is our common goal. The wide range of UNODC’s anti-corruption activities includes the facilitation of the UNCAC Implementation Review Mechanism, the provision of technical assistance in furtherance of the implementation of the Convention, cooperation with the World Bank in the form of the Joint Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative as well as global awareness-raising and prevention efforts.

The International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) is a new international organization as of 8 March 2011, with 29 member states to date. IACA is a pioneering institution that aims to overcome current shortcomings in knowledge and practice in the field of anti-corruption. It functions as an independent centre of excellence in the field of anti-corruption education, training, networking and cooperation, as well as academic research. It pursues a holistic approach which is international, inter-disciplinary, inter-sectoral, integrative and sustainable.

The private sector is an essential stakeholder in the fight against corruption. Efforts in combating and preventing corruption heavily depend on cooperation with and the efforts by the private sector. Corruption drives up prices and puts a heavy burden on the taxpayers.

Corruption is a phenomenon that not only affects all countries, but also affects everybody in each society. A side event on this crucial aspect of the rule of law wants to be a useful contribution to the process and attract interest of member states from all regional groups and of other stakeholders.