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**Partnership Agreement between the Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice (POHCCJ) and International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA)**

**The Office of Information and Public Relations within the Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice is authorized to bring to the attention of the public the following:**

The Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice (POHCCJ) and International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) signed a Partnership Agreement through which the international organization became a partner in the "Fighting criminality and corruption" project. The project is implemented by POHCCJ, as Project Promoter, IACA joining the other two partners, DNA and DIICOT.

The Partnership Agreement was signed in order to implement Activity 1.1., which involves an exhaustive analysis of the general resources used by the Public Ministry in the investigation of economic and financial crimes. Following the analysis, a professional training curriculum will be developed - based on the identified needs.

IACA was initiated on 2 September 2010 by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Republic of Austria, joined by INTERPOL, OLAF and other international organizations. At the moment IACA counts 80 partners, of which 76 are UN member states and 4 intergovernmental organizations.

On March 8, 2011, IACA acquired the status of an international organization. Romania ratified the Agreement on the establishment of the International Anticorruption Academy as an International Organization through Law no. 87 of September 2, 2010, published in the Official Gazette no. 438 of June 22, 2011.

**Background information:**

The financing contract of "Fighting criminality and corruption" project was signed on 27.11.2018, being the first financing contract signed within the "Justice" Program of the current Norwegian Financial Mechanism.

The project is being carried out by the Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice in partnership with National Anticorruption Directorate (NDA), Directorate for Investigating Organized Crime and Terrorism (DIOCT) and International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA).

The general objective of the project is enhancing the capacity of the Public Ministry in fighting crime and corruption, contributing, in this regard, to the consolidation of the rule of law and the judiciary, as a whole. The project has two components: one for the professional training of the prosecutors, judicial police officers and specialists, and the other one regarding the acquisition of equipment for the prosecutor's offices, equipment that will assist in the efficient conduct of criminal investigation activity.

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