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To: Delegates to the Standing Committee, Coordinating Agencies, and Members of the Private Sector Advisory Panel

From: Executive Director

Subject: Standing Committee Officers

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At the 62nd Plenary Meeting in Gdansk, Poland, the slate of officers proposed by the Standing Committee for the coming year was endorsed. Accordingly, Ms. Chigozie Obi-Nnadozie of Nigeria was confirmed in the post of Chair, Mr. Luc Devolder of Belgium was confirmed in the post of First Vice Chair, and Mr. Bakhtiyar Ibragimov of Uzbekistan was confirmed in the post of Second Vice Chair.

However, since the meeting in Gdansk, Ms. Obi-Nnadozie has been reassigned by her government and has already returned to Nigeria. Therefore, she will not be able to serve as Chair of the Standing Committee.

Accordingly, in conformance with Article V, Section 4.b. and Section 5.c. of the Rules and Regulations, Mr. Devolder will serve as Chairman ad interim, and Mr. Ibragimov will serve as First Vice Chairman ad interim of the Standing Committee for the coming year.

It is a disappointment that Ms. Obi-Nnadozie will not be available to serve as Chair this year. She served as Second Vice Chair and First Vice Chair of the Standing Committee and was active in discussions. However, Mr. Devolder and Mr. Ibragimov have also been active participants in ICAC meetings, and it is fortunate that they are willing to serve as Standing Committee officers this year.