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## **IACCC New Associate Membership Scheme**

On 30 July 2020 the International Anti-Corruption Coordination Centre (IACCC) launched a new Associate Membership Scheme. This allows law enforcement agencies from smaller financial centres to join the IACCC as Associate Members having signed an MOU. Associate Members are able to rapidly exchange intelligence with the IACCC to assist with the development of the intelligence picture on grand corruption cases. The IACCC will be able to provide further support to partners across the world with grand corruption investigations, including the facilitation of Mutual Legal Assistance (MLA) requests between their jurisdictions.

The new IACCC Associate Members are:

- The Cayman Islands Anti-Corruption Commission
- The Gibraltar Financial Intelligence Unit
- The Guernsey Financial Intelligence Unit
- The Isle of Man Financial Intelligence Unit
- The Jersey Financial Intelligence Unit
- The Mauritius Independent Commission Against Corruption
- The Seychelles Anti-Corruption Commission
- The Turks and Caicos Islands Integrity Commission

These agencies join the existing core IACCC Members, consisting of law enforcement agencies from six countries and Interpol. It is the intention that additional law enforcement agencies will join the IACCC as Associate Members on a regular basis.

The Associate Membership Scheme further strengthens the IACCC as the only international initiative to provide specific operational support to external law enforcement agencies with their domestic corruption cases. It is hoped that the introduction of the Associate Membership Scheme will build upon the successes achieved since the IACCC became operational in July 2017.

Mrs. Sophia Harris, Chairman of the ACC commented, "The Anti-Corruption Commission is proud to join the IACCC Associate Membership Scheme. The network will serve as a valuable resource to our investigators in furtherance of our efforts to fight corruption, which often requires cross border international assistance. An environment of international partner agencies will hopefully aid in our current as well as future investigations and facilitate quicker and timely exchange of intelligence to our investigators. We are delighted that the Commission is now an official Associate Member". Members of the public are encouraged to report any



suspicions of corruption with any supporting evidence to the ACC. Reports can be made in person or anonymously. Civil servants are also reminded of their obligation to report any suspicion of corruption to the ACC as soon as they become aware. For more information on the ACC please visit <u>www.anticorruptioncommission.ky</u>

Background information on the International Anti-Corruption Coordination Centre (IACCC).

The IACCC was established during the 2016 Anti-Corruption Summit by the UK and is hosted by the National Crime Agency. The IACCC seeks to bring together specialist law enforcement officers from multiple agencies around the world to tackle allegations of grand corruption.

For more information about the IACCC visit https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/what-we-do/crime-threats/bribery-corruption-and-sanctions-evasion/international-anti-corruption-centre

