



**Intersessional meeting of the Conference of the States
Parties to the United Nations Convention against
Corruption on the achievements of the political
declaration by the special session of the General
Assembly (UNGASS)**

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ITALIAN NATIONAL STATEMENT

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Excellencies, distinguished colleagues, on behalf of the Italian Anti-corruption Authority, I would like to thank you for this opportunity to present the Italian experience regarding the implementation of some provisions contained within the political declaration of the Special Session of the General Assembly (UNGASS).

In particular, I would like to focus on the progress we have made in Italy regarding the strengthening of our strategies related to the prevention of corruption through the collection and publication of data, that provides us with a strongly evidence-based approach to identifying risk factors at territorial level around Italy.

ANAC, the Italian Anti-corruption Authority, was established under Article 6 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption. Among the various functions that the law attributes to this Authority is the study of corruption causes and factors, in order to drive and to reinforce prevention policies.

The Authority is therefore deeply involved in activities regarding the analysis of data and the development of risk indicators and red flags, which can help to provide objective measurement of potential exposure to corruption in the public sector, in line with international debate and initiatives in this field.

The need to improve measurement methods was acknowledged at the eighth session of the Conference of the States Parties to UNCAC through the adoption of resolution 8/10 on Measuring Corruption.

Among other international initiatives, last year, under the Presidency of Italy, the G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group released the Compendium entitled “The measurement of corruption in G20 countries: Overview and good practices” containing a description of different methodologies for measuring corruption adopted at the global level. This Compendium clearly illustrates the importance of big data and statistics in developing good practices on the measurement of corruption.

In this context, in July 2022 the Authority presented the results of the project “Corruption risk management and promotion of transparency” – financed by the European Union and coordinated by ANAC. The aim of this project is to design and to publish corruption risk indicators and red flags/early warnings connected to potential corruption events. One of the most important results was the launch of a new website portal containing data, information, bibliographies, infographics, media materials related to the topic of corruption risk measurement and easy-to-read, interactive dashboards. The publication of such data and indicators on a dedicated interface tool on the Internet will guarantee that they can be consulted by a wide number of stakeholders.

In total 48 corruption risk indicators/red flags have been developed by taking into consideration data regarding the Italian socio-economic context. Seventeen risk indicators regarding public procurement have already been calculated and more will

be developed using the open data contained in the Italian national public procurement database managed by ANAC. In addition, 5 risk indicators have been developed at the level of the main Italian municipalities.

The identification of these red flags/early warnings could facilitate the implementation of preventive and law enforcement measures and the identification of areas that are more exposed to corruption worthy of the attention of civil society and in which to invest more heavily in terms of prevention activities.

The portal is not the only and final result of the project but one step along the path. ANAC is working to integrate as many data sources as possible, to design methodologies for the calculation and validation of risk indicators and to involve as many institutional, academic and Non-Governmental Organizations to work together on the production and subsequent use of objective data in corruption prevention activities.

ANAC truly believes that the sharing of best practices and lessons learned in this field at international level, alongside the UNCAC inspiring principles, will help us to make further progress along this path.

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