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Statement delivered by the Permanent Representative of Romania to the
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Mr. Chair,

Distinguished Members of the Committee,

I have the honour to introduce the draft resolution granting observer status for the Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative in the United Nations General Assembly.

The draft resolution's sponsors are Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Republic of Moldova and my own country, Romania. Germany joined as an additional co-sponsor of the text.

Mr. Chair,

General Assembly decision 49/426 of 9 December 1994 lays out the criteria that this Committee must apply in its decision to grant observer status in the General

Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative fulfills both criteria.

The Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative is an intergovernmental organization. It is composed of nine member states (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania and Serbia). It has an internal structure similar to that of other intergovernmental organizations, including a Chairperson and a Permanent Secretariat. Its budget is composed of annual mandatory contributions from its Member States. The explanatory memorandum that is available on the website of the Sixth Committee under this agenda item provides detailed information on the internal structure and functioning of the organization.

The activities of the Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative cover matters of interest to the Assembly. The organization operates in South-Eastern Europe and its mission

is to lead regional cooperation to support anti-corruption efforts by providing a