

Resolution on a UN Convention against Corruption review mechanism

The Annual Members Meeting (AMM) of Transparency International (TI), held in Berlin on 17-18 October 2009, calls on the UN Conference of States Parties, convening on 9 November 2009 in Doha, Qatar, to establish an effective mechanism for review of implementation by governments of the UN Convention against Corruption. This is essential to transform the Convention from words to actions and for it to start functioning as the central global framework for overcoming corruption.

We urge the Doha Conference to establish a review process that includes:

- Country visits by review teams from other governments;
- Non-governmental inputs from civil society, including NGOs, community-based organisations, trade-unions, the private sector, professional associations and other stakeholders;
- Transparent process, including reports and recommendations from country reviews and civil society inputs must be made public in a timely manner.

Without these three elements the review mechanism will not be effective and will lack public credibility.

The prolonged stalemate over the review mechanism must be brought to an end in Doha. The First Conference of States Parties held in 2006 agreed that “effective and efficient review of implementation of the Convention... is of paramount importance and urgent.” The G20 Leaders, meeting on 24 September 2009, called for the adoption of “an effective, transparent and inclusive mechanism for the review of implementation” in Doha.

The global economic crisis adds further urgency. The Convention's innovative provisions – including preventive measures, international cooperation, technical assistance, and asset recovery – are vital to overcoming the problems that led to the crisis.

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