THEMATIC COMPILATION OF RELEVANT INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY RWANDA

ARTICLE 13 UNCAC

AWARENESS-RAISING MEASURES

RWANDA (THIRD MEETING)

A. AWARENESS-RAISING POLICIES AND PRACTICES (with reference to articles 5, 7, 12 and 13 of the Convention)

To develop and implement or maintain effectiveness:

- Rwanda established the law on anti-corruption, law n° 23/2003 of 07/08/2003 related to the punishment of corruption and related offences;

- In November and December 2011, the ombudsman Office organized the artists’ competitions through songs and poems. The competitions took place at District level, Provinces and Kigali City respectively and saw itself at the national level. These competitions were part of activities planned for the anti-corruption week that started from 06th to 09th December 2011. The songs and poems based on the role of the Ombudsman in the battle of fighting against corruption and other related offenses. They emphasized that fighting against corruption is for everyone; women and men, adults and children without any exception.

- The state of Rwanda evaluates the Judicial and Administrative institutions in collaboration with Transparency International Rwanda,

- Rwanda collaborates with Transparency International,
- Establishment of adequate procedures for the selection of employees in the public sector; they include among others, written tests and interviews assisted by cameras,

- Judicial agents, staff of Rwanda Revenue Authority, executives on sector level, district and provincial levels are remunerated adequately taking into account the levels of economic development,

- Working and promoting workshops and seminars on anti-corruption, a number of academic schools have introduced anti-corruption programmes in their calculus.

- The government has adopted the administrative measures for punishment;

- For the public officers, the government has adopted the election system for transparency,

- The government has adopted the system that guards against conflict of interest by putting in place the law on conduct and prohibited acts in organic law no 24 of 15/12/2008,

- To prevent corruption, the government has adopted the system for Auditing public and private sectors employees' that have refused to comply with measures in place, as well as contracts that were entered into by two parties for the promotion of transparency in Rwanda;

- The main strategies taken in fighting against corruption include: the workshops, trainings, radio, press conferences, articles, journals, advertisements, short messages etc;

- Local government and other institutions are obliged to possess documents concerning public finances (books for recording data, financial statement, accountability...);

- The Government allows Civil Society, Transparency Rwanda and Non Governmental Organizations to participate in activities gendered for the prevention of corruption.

- Public meetings on anti-corruption are carried out,

- Announcements to fight corruption;

- In a period of less than one year, in 2011, Police officers rejected bribes of Frw 200,000; Frw 100,000 and Frw 7,000 respectively, in Rubavu, Gicumbi and Nyabihu.