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Special session:

Constructive public-private partnerships to prevent bribery solicitation: The High Level Reporting Mechanism

Organisers: Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and International Centre for Collective Action / Basel Institute on Governance

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Date and time: Monday 25 November 2013, 3-6pm

Location: Atlapa Convention Center Panama City, Room NEW SESTAS

Description of event:

The event presents first experiences with high level reporting mechanisms as an innovative public-private partnership to deal with bribery solicitation. Companies from G20 countries have collectively called for the establishment of such mechanisms; the event will feature the experience of pilot country Colombia, and similar mechanisms in Eastern Europe and Latin America.

Goals and expected outcomes:

The concept of the HLRM was developed by the Basel Institute on Governance and OECD, with the support from Transparency International, at the suggestion of leading companies from the power systems sector. These companies were concerned that the majority of government efforts to prevent corruption were focused on the offering of bribes; this despite the fact that bribery solicitation and extortion are a serious concern for companies around the world, as also acknowledged by leading international bodies such as the OECD, the G20 and UNODC.

The goal of the event will be to present and discuss the experience made by Colombia in setting up the world's first High Level Reporting Mechanism (HLRM) and similar efforts currently underway in the Ukraine. It will provide governments with insight into available concepts with a view to analysing whether these may usefully supplement their existing anti-corruption infrastructure. Presentations by government representatives and international organisations will be complemented by a business roundtable to discuss how businesses view and can benefit from HLRM-like systems in different national contexts.

As clearly illustrated, this event will support the implementation of UNCAC, and as such the goals of the COSP, by providing insight into practical new tools that governments might wish to take up with a view to fulfilling recommendations under the UNCAC prevention chapter.

Session structure:

- Three presentations of 8-10 minutes each (Basel Institute, ANI, EBRD)
- Moderator to animate a panel discussion among 2-3 business representatives and the presenters.
- Plenary discussion with audience

Panel:

- Nicola Bonucci, OECD (Moderator)
- Gretta Fenner, Managing Director, Basel Institute on Governance
- Mr Luis Fernando Andrade, National Infrastructure Agency, Colombia
- Ms Eney Quinones, Chief Compliance Officer, EBRD
- Business representative, Colombia (name to be confirmed)
- Massimo Mantovani, General Counsel Legal Affairs, Eni S.p.A., Italy (invited)