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With CORRUPTION everyone pays.

Corruption is an obstacle to social and economic DEVELOPMENT.

Each year, in both developed and developing countries, over US$ 1 trillion is paid in bribes.

Increasing evidence indicates widespread corruption in the JUDICIARY in many parts of the world.

Judicial corruption undermines the rule of law and government legitimacy. A corrupt judiciary cripples a society's ability to curb corruption.

Corruption reduces INVESTMENT.

Investing in a relatively corrupt country compared to an uncorrupt one can be as much as 20 per cent more costly.

Corruption undermines DEMOCRACY.

One in three countries have no system to regulate political party financing.

Corruption allows ORGANIZED CRIME AND TERRORISM to flourish.

Corrupt practices facilitate drug trafficking and organized crime.

Strong POLITICAL COMMITMENT is required to combat corruption.

The United Nations Convention against Corruption must come into force as soon as possible. Once it does, it will be the legal framework for countries to criminalize corrupt practices, as well as to cooperate to deny safe havens to corrupt officials and to help each other recover illicitly acquired assets.

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