

THEMATIC COMPILATION OF RELEVANT INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY JORDAN

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AWARENESS-RAISING MEASURES

JORDAN (SECOND MEETING)

Raising the citizens' awareness of the devastating dangers of corruption on the efforts towards economic, social and political development is among the most significant preventive measures in the area of combating corruption. In this regard, the Commission focused on cooperation with public institutions and civil society associations in order to create a community environment which rejects corruption and casts out the corrupt, through actions aimed at demonstrating the negative impact of corruption on the economic, social and political development efforts and raising the awareness of citizens of the need to take action to eradicate corruption from the society and drain its sources, while at the same time working to consolidate the values of national integrity and to promote a community culture against corruption, using the various mass media.

In this field, the Commission worked towards the following:

(1) Enhancing the participation on national institutions and civil society associations in the efforts to combat and prevent corruption, through the signing of several memoranda of understanding with a number of relevant entities.

(2) A series of meetings with various civil society associations were held, including with the Jordanian Businessmen Society, certain groups of the Jordanian Chamber of Deputies, several editors and columnists of daily newspapers and weekly journals, as well as electronic journals, during which the strategies and tasks of the Commission in the area of combating and preventing corruption were discussed and the role of those institutions in providing support and backing for the Commission to enable it to assume its duties was stressed.

(3) Educating younger generations to the concepts of integrity, transparency and combating corruption by incorporating these concepts into the curricula of basic and university education. The syllabus of the tenth secondary grade was thus amended to include a school subject on the Anti-Corruption Commission, in which an introduction was provided on the establishment of the Commission, its objectives and areas of work; in addition, a study theme on the definition of corruption and the identification of its destructive impact on social, economic and political development was prepared, which is being currently taught within the context of National Education in the Jordanian University.

(4) A series of awareness – raising workshops was organized for various groups of principle partners in combating and preventing corruption.

(5) Organizing, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, a school competition to select a winning article and caricature representation on fighting corruption and national integrity standards for the purpose of promoting the relevant principles and best practices and instilling them in the minds of students.

(6) Coordinating with the Jordanian Radio and Television Corporation and UNDP in the production of 5 radio series on topics concerning the consolidation of the values of public integrity and good ethics within the framework of the programme of the Corporation. Several clerks (Muslims and Christians) were hosted to talk about the religious opinions with regard to the issue of corruption, its forms and its negative effects on the society, as well as the role of religious men in the promotion of high moral values and standards that reject corruption and corrupt persons. The talks also addressed the role of women in combating corruption and in rearing the younger generations to the high moral values, as well as the significant role of the wife in supporting her husband and in urging him to adhere to the noble values, in order to promote the values of public integrity.