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Concerning the requirements of article 13 Participation of society: Despite being within the government apparatus, the Transparency and Integrity Committee was able to reach out efficiently to a great number of civil society organizations, as follows:

- Dedicate a chapter in its reports to the efforts of civil society organizations and the media in preventing and fighting corruption, pointing out successful experience and practices by a number of community associations in this regard.

- Hold discussion meetings with a group of civil society organizations, companies that offer electronic solutions to simplify procedures and the media to introduce them to the activities of the Committee and the relations between the Ministry’s projects (institutional development and electronic governance) and fighting corruption.

- Reach out to people’s and local councils in the governorates of Kena and Beni Sweif to define the phenomenon of corruption and the efforts made by the Transparency and Integrity Committee to fight corruption and raise awareness of its dangers, as well as expose the main manifestations of corruption and violations in the two governorates and discuss legal and regulatory ways to combat them.

- Production by the Committee of a number of informational materials (a documentary movie encouraging the citizen to hold fast to his right and fight corruption) and a summary of the employee code of conduct introducing the duties of the employee towards the citizen and towards the public function.

- The Committee proposed to civil society organizations and the public at large a number of issues related to the phenomenon of corruption in the framework of the annual celebration of the International Anti-Corruption Day, including the role of values and religious teachings in preventing corruption and the role of education in instilling the values of transparency, integrity and accountability in school students.

- Cooperate with research centres in conducting studies aimed at raising the citizen’s awareness of some of the issues related to the fight against corruption (transparency of the State’s public budget, and simplifying it so as to allow the citizen to exercise control over public funds + a brochure about elements of good governance and administration as a main requirement in the fight against corruption).