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**The Russian experience of the business
community engaging into corruption
prevention efforts**

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Involvement of the business community into anticorruption efforts

The Conference fourth session called member states to promote greater involvement of the business community into the efforts to prevent corruption

As one of the measures to implement the provisions of Chapter II of the UN Convention against Corruption to prevent corruption in Russia is the organization of state-business anti-corruption dialogue and establishment of effective mechanisms to attract business to the anti-corruption work

Main activities of the business community and Russian Government interaction on anti-corruption issues are fixed in the National Anti-Corruption Plan for 2012 - 2013, approved by the President of the Russian Federation



The special Joint Government-Business Working Group on Combating Corruption

Established by the decision of the Bureau of the Presidential Anti-Corruption Council October 4, 2011

The Head of the Working Group - Minister of Economic Development of the Russian Federation

The particular importance of the Working Group - it allows the business community to contribute to the anti-corruption work, including corruption risks elimination arising from business process

The Working Group includes:

The Federal Government:

- Executive bodies: Russian Ministry of Economic Development, Ministry of Justice of Russia, FAS Russia, Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs;
- Higher Courts: Supreme Court, Supreme Arbitration Court;
- The State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation

Business associations:

- The Chamber of Commerce of the Russian Federation;
- The Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs;
- All Russia Public Organization «Business Russia»;
- Association of Small Business "Support of Russia"



The development of anti-corruption standards of the business community initiative

- ✓ The development of anti-corruption standards of the business community initiative worked through on the field Working Group
- ✓ Further the initiative has been implemented in the format of the Anticorruption Charter of the Russian Business Society
- ✓ International experience relating to the establishment of international standards for responsible business has been taken into account in the preparation of the Charter



Anticorruption Charter of the Russian Business Society

Adoption of the Charter is reasonable for next aims:

- Anticorruption
conduct model

- Ethics
norms

- Forming
standardized
anticorruption
practices

- Putting the
anticorruption
standards into
enterprise

The Charter prohibits bribery of officials, including foreign ones, under any circumstances of business

The Charter stimulates the development of in-house control measures, ethics norms and other programs due to adherence of the Charter provisions



Anticorruption Charter of the Russian Business Society Roadmap

Roadmap will resolve the next technical issues:

Keeping the
Charter
participants
register

Accession
procedure to the
Charter for legal
and individual
entities

Procedure of
public
confirmation of
the Charter
observance for
all participants

Mechanism of
litigation
settlement
regarding to
breach of the
Charter
provisions

For the first time in the world practice the development of anti-corruption Charter addresses the need for the introduction of a special organizational mechanism of practical implementation



The adoption of the Anti-corruption Charter of the Russian Business Society and the Roadmap

- ✓ Anti-Corruption Charter and the Roadmap was signed September 22, 2012 by the heads of the four leading Russian business associations at the International Investment Forum "Sochi-2012" in the presence of Prime Minister of the Russian Federation Dmitry Medvedev
- ✓ At present, the business associations are continuing their efforts to promote the work set out in the Charter and the principles informing their members about how to implement the Roadmap
- ✓ Also, business associations carry out an audit of companies and organizations compliance of the provisions of the Charter within a specially created Joint Committee
- ✓ Information on the number of audited representatives of the business community and the information on the Charter and the Roadmap posted on the Charter website: <http://against-corruption.ru>



Study of lobbying activities regulation in the Russian Federation

Regulation of lobbying activities is one of the most effective and proven form in the field of anti-corruption and transparency and also promotes the involvement of the business community in efforts to prevent corruption

Over the past few years, the Russian Federation has been actively discussing and studding all the currently existing methods of lobbying activities regulation, including OECD recommendations and standards

Currently, the Russian Government is considering the addition to the Russian laws by regulation rules of interaction between the government and representatives of public organizations, individual entrepreneurs and representatives of commercial companies, including foreign ones, in order to ensure the transparency of such interaction



Thank you for attention!