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About the UNCAC Review Transparency Pledge

The United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) is at a critical turning point. While the UNCAC has contributed to significant progress in the last decade, changed the political discourse on corruption, and proved itself an important global instrument, corruption continues to be a serious problem that affects every country.

Given the scale of the challenge much more is needed. Without collaboration and trust between governments and civil society, anti-corruption efforts worldwide cannot succeed.

The UNCAC recognises that addressing corruption requires comprehensive measures, including public participation and transparency. Corruption cannot be addressed in an environment of secrecy or where civil society is excluded.

In the context of the UNCAC review process, there have been encouraging results in terms of transparency and participation at the national level, though more could be done to align practices with Article 13 of the Convention. In view of the positive experiences in the first cycle, it is timely for States Parties to make transparency and consultation with civil society automatic in the second review cycle.

Pending achievement of consensus on this issue, the UNCAC Coalition calls on States Parties to pledge support for transparency and public consultation in addressing corruption and to lead by example.

The UNCAC Coalition invites States Parties to sign a Pledge with six principles, as indicated below.

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UNCAC REVIEW TRANSPARENCY PLEDGE

As UNCAC State Parties, we hereby reaffirm the importance of transparency and public consultation in addressing corruption. We believe civil society can play a crucial role to prevent and combat corruption in our country. We believe civil society can contribute to successful implementation of UNCAC provisions, therefore we commit ourselves to follow six Principles of Transparency during the second cycle of the UNCAC review process.

Six principles

1. We will publish updated review schedules for our country review
2. We will share information about the review institution or the coordinator (focal point)
3. We will announce the completion of the country review indicating where the report can be found
4. We will promptly post online the self- assessment and the full country report in a United Nations language, together with the executive summary in local languages
5. We will organize civil society briefings and public debates about the findings of the report
6. We will publicly support participation of civil society observers in UNCAC subsidiary bodies

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