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SPECIAL EVENT

**THE GLOBAL STATE OF DEMOCRACY: MONEY, INFLUENCE, CORRUPTION
AND CAPTURE- CAN DEMOCRACY BE PROTECTED?
Panel Discussion**

**10 November 2017, 1.30 p.m.- 3 p.m.
CONFERENCE ROOM M6**

I. INTRODUCTION

Corruption scandals have affected countries in every region. These events fuel distrust in democracy and undermine the integrity of the political system.

Drawing from International IDEA's new publication on the Global State of Democracy, this panel will explore how democracy can be protected from the pernicious influence of money, both legal and illicit. It will shed light about the latest comparative research on the global state of democracy and, particularly, the negative effects of money in politics.

II. PANELLISTS

- Jorge Valladares, Senior Programme Manager at International IDEA (moderator)
- Catalina Uribe Burcher, Programme Officer at International IDEA
- Yukihiko Hamada, Policy Analyst at the OECD
- Jean-Luc Lemahieu, Director of the Division for Policy Analysis and Public Affairs at UNODC
- Sebastian Bley, Head of Anti-Corruption Unit at Interpol

III. FORMAT AND AGENDA

- Opening: Jorge Valladares, International IDEA (10 Minutes)
- Presentation: "The global state of democracy: money, influence, corruption and capture-can democracy be protected?"- Catalina Uribe Burcher, International IDEA (15 minutes)
- Discussant: "OECD Framework on Financing Democracy as a guideline to support implementation of UNCAC"- Yukihiko Hamada, OECD (10 minutes)
- Discussant: "What additional areas of international policy innovation could be explored to tackle the influence of illicit interests over politics?"- Jean-Luc Lemahieu, UNODC (10 minutes)
- Discussant: "What are the main challenges and opportunities for law enforcement agencies in dealing corruption cases related to political finance?"- Sebastian Bley, Interpol (: 10 minutes)
- Q&A (30 minutes)
- Closing: Catalina Uribe Burcher, International IDEA (5 minutes)