



Memorandum of Understanding

between

the European Partners Against Corruption (EPAC/EACN) Network

and

the Integrity Vice Presidency (INT) of The World Bank Group

The European Partners Against Corruption (EPAC, incl. EACN) Network and the Integrity Vice Presidency of The World Bank Group (hereinafter referred to as "World Bank (INT)"), collectively referred to as "the Parties", for the purpose of jointly fostering the prevention of and the fight against corruption,

Concerned about the seriousness of threats posed by corruption to the stability and security of societies, undermining the institutions and values of democracy, ethical values, justice and public trust, and jeopardizing sustainable development, social and economic prosperity and the rule of law;

Concerned about the global outreach of corruption and the significant challenges it poses for developed, emerging and developing countries alike;

Recalling the numerous international conventions, instruments and mechanisms on corruption, especially the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC); the Council of Europe Civil and Criminal Law Conventions on Corruption; the OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions; the EU Hague Programme; the Comprehensive EU Policy against Corruption; and the EU Stockholm Programme;

Reiterating the need to ensure transparency, accessibility, accountability, legitimacy, impartiality and integrity in all systems created for the anti-corruption work;

Reiterating also the imperative requirement that Anti-Corruption Authorities are given the necessary independence in accordance with the fundamental principles of the respective national legal system so that these authorities can carry out their function free from undue influence;

Promoting the respect for the rule of law and human rights in all anti-corruption activities;

Being aware that preventing and combating corruption, which is often transnational in nature, can be substantially enhanced by international co-operation through sharing knowledge and expertise;

Welcoming the achievements of the 3rd Conference of the States Parties to the UNCAC in Doha, Qatar, in November 2009, in particular the adoption of a review mechanism and *expressing their hope* that this mechanism be conducted in an effective and thorough manner;

Welcoming also the G20 Anti-Corruption Action Plan of the Seoul Summit 2010;

Acknowledging the efforts by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Republic of Austria, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and by a growing family of other international stakeholders that led to the establishment of the first International Anti-Corruption Academy in Laxenburg, Austria, which shall function as an international, inter-cultural, inter-sectoral and inter-disciplinary technical assistance provider and centre of excellence in the fields of anti-corruption education, training, cooperation and academic research, and which is a milestone in the efforts of the international community to fight corruption and to advance the goals of the United Nations Convention against Corruption;

Determined to create a strong partnership that will generate synergies and enhance the sharing of anti-corruption knowledge and expertise between the Parties and other stakeholders;

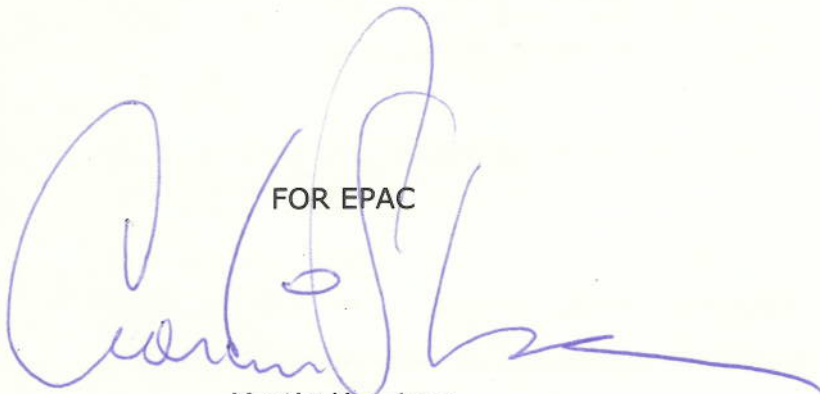
on the basis of mutual respect and mutual benefit the Parties intend, as appropriate and within the scope of their mandates, to cooperate closely and consult with each other on a regular basis and, therefore, agree on the following:

1. The Parties will, on a strictly voluntary basis and subject to relevant legislation and policies, provide one another with information of relevance regarding the detection, substantiation and prevention of fraud and corruption in connection with conduct which may constitute a serious crime under national legislation or a sanctionable offence under World Bank Group rules and policies. This may include, *inter alia*, research achievements and publications. They will inform one another of relevant activities such as conferences, workshops, anti-corruption and integrity initiatives and training activities which they organise and which may be of common interest;
2. The Parties will seek to launch international collaboration for anti-corruption training and networking projects;
3. The Parties will meet periodically to identify possible priority areas for cooperation that present common strategic or operational objectives;
4. The Parties will designate contact points to facilitate and further their communication;
5. The cooperation under this Memorandum is non-exclusive. The activities carried out on the basis of this Memorandum shall be without prejudice to any regime of privileges and immunities a Party may fall under, which is specifically reserved and which may be invoked at any time;
6. There is no intention under this Memorandum of Understanding to modify, or create any obligations contrary to, the institutional and policy framework of either Party and the scope of their respective mandates. In the event there is an inconsistency between this Memorandum and the relevant framework, the latter shall govern;
7. Upon request of either Party, consultations may be held in case the need for amendment of this Memorandum of Understanding occurs. Any such amendments will come into effect upon signature of representatives of the two Parties and have the same duration as the Memorandum under paragraph 8;
8. This Memorandum will come into effect upon its signature by both Parties. It will remain in effect for subsequent three-year terms after which it shall be tacitly

renewed for further periods of three years, under the same terms and conditions. Either Party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding upon 90 days written notice. In this case, the Parties will agree upon measures for the orderly conclusion of ongoing activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, the authorised representatives of the respective Parties, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

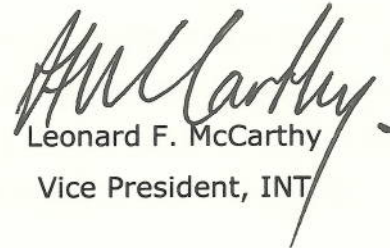
DONE in duplicate in Laxenburg, Austria, on this 28th day of February in the year two thousand and eleven in the English language.



FOR EPAC

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