

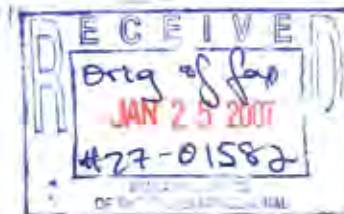


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The Honorable Ban Ki-Moon
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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

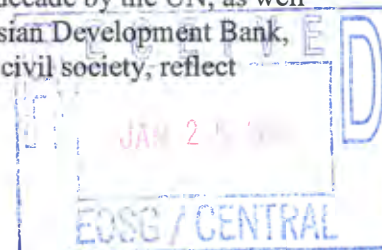
Transparency International (TI) extends its congratulations on your election as UN Secretary-General, the most important and most difficult job in today's world. TI and its national chapters in over ninety countries are deeply engaged in combating corruption around the world. Your leadership on this issue is of critical importance because corruption has become a global problem.

The adoption of the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) in 2003 was an impressive accomplishment, for which the UN Office of Drugs and Crime in Vienna deserves great credit. UNCAC has the potential to become the key global framework for combating corruption. It has been signed by 140 countries and ratified by more than 80 countries demonstrating strong commitment and growing momentum. TI's national chapters are actively promoting additional ratifications.

The UNCAC Conference of States Parties held in Jordan in December 2006 took several key steps in transforming UNCAC from a legal document into active programs to reduce corruption. Most important is the decision to establish a follow-up monitoring mechanism to ensure effective implementation by the parties. TI helped develop proposals for monitoring and is committed to ensuring that an effective monitoring system, with civil society involvement, is put in place. The Conference also recognized that many developing countries need technical assistance to enable them to implement UNCAC. TI has been supporting technical assistance as a necessary element for UNCAC implementation. A key priority for 2007 will be to mobilize support from the donor community. UNDP will be a key player.

The UN Global Compact has made substantial progress in promoting support from the international business community for its ten principles for global corporate responsibility. I serve on the UNGC board and was pleased to learn from Georg Kell of your commitment to carry forward this important initiative. TI is assisting UNGC's on the 10th principle: working against corruption in all its forms, including extortions and bribery. The Global Compact Office is promoting TI's Business Principles for Countering Corruption as a practical tool for implementing the 10th Principle. The Global Compact Office has been essential in turning the UNGC into a reality and I am looking forward to continuing to support their work.

The anticorruption initiatives that have been launched during the past decade by the UN, as well as by other international organizations, such as the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, OECD, EU and OAS, by national governments, the private sector and civil society, reflect



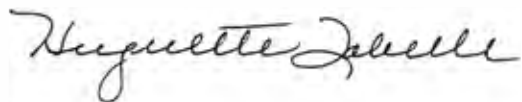
widespread recognition of the damage done by corruption. The effect of corruption in undermining international development programs has been particularly damaging. The achievement of the goals of the UN's Millenium Challenge Round will require the development of strong anticorruption programs.

TI's work has taught us that corruption is complex, pervasive and resilient. To make progress will require long-term sustained programs. Their success will depend on close cooperation by the major organizations combating corruption on a number of high priority programs. Making the UN Convention work is the most obvious example. It will require cooperation by UNODC, UNDP, the World Bank and other donors, as well as by organizations sponsoring other anticorruption conventions such as OECD and OAS. The need for such cooperation is recognized by world leaders with whom I have talked. As UN Secretary-General you are in a unique position to bring this about.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you, as soon as your schedule permits, to discuss the important UN anticorruption initiatives that are already underway and what needs to be done to carry them forward.

On behalf of Transparency International I wish you very much success in your new position and would like to emphasize the important influence your future initiatives will have in strengthening the global anti corruption movement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Huguette Labelle". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Huguette" being more prominent than the last name "Labelle".

Huguette Labelle
Chairperson,
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