

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL CZECH REPUBLIC
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL
CR")
AND
THE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION
CONFERENCE (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "COUNCIL")
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARIAT - TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL
WITH ITS REGISTERED OFFICE IN BERLIN HEREIN
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "GOVERNMENT")

The International Anti-Corruption Conference

The first IACC Conference took place in Washington, D.C. in 1983 and subsequent conferences have been held every two years since that time. Most recently, the 9th IACC was held in Durban, South Africa, in 1999.

The IACC Conferences are conducted under the auspices of the Council in a close co-operation with the official hosts of the organising country. The Council provides support and guidance to the Conference organisers in the process of its preparation and co-ordination.

Mission of the Conference is to develop the effective global anti-corruption strategies and share the best practices and support an international co-operation in the fight against corruption. A strong emphasis is laid on an individual participation, open debate and discussions among the participants.

In addition to these general goals, every IACC conference provides its hosts with an opportunity to highlight issues and challenges of a great political or regional significance. In this context, the Prague Conference will provide a significant focus on problems related to corruption in transforming economies, especially in the region of the Central and Eastern Europe and share a relevant experience with the other regions and countries.

The Conference is intended for politicians, government representatives, representatives of civic initiatives as well as private sector. Participation in the conference is open to all parties interested in these topics, regardless of their origin, nationality, race, religion or political orientation. However, the attendees rather represent their personal opinions and positions at the Conference and they do not act as the official representatives of organisations.

Venue of the 10th IACC

The Council has been pleased to accept the invitation extended by the Government and Transparency International CR to hold the 10th Conference in Prague in 2001.

Organisation of the Conference

Transparency International CR is the organiser of the 10th IACC. The conference will be broadly along the lines of the last two Conferences in Lima and Durban with a strong emphasis on participants' involvement and discussion.

The Government accepts the social auspices over the Conference. The legal and financial responsibility for the Conference is borne by Transparency International CR.

Organisational Committee

Composition of the Organisational Committee of the Conference, consisting of 10 members and taking responsibility for its preparation, has been submitted by Transparency International CR. The Government took into account the composition of the Committee by its resolution no. 307 dated 29 March 2000.

Organisational Committee together with the Council will agree on and announce the general Conference theme and date.

The Council

The Council and its Secretariat will provide all its guidance and support to organisers. They will assist in raising international financial support for the Conference, in particular to facilitate the attendance at the conference of participants from developing countries and countries in transition who might not be able to attend otherwise. The Council will fully participate in the development of the programme for the Conference and will formally approve the final Conference programme.

The Council will also ensure that the experience of the Durban Organiser is made available to the Organisational Committee, including mailing lists of those attending at the Durban Conference.

Conference Agenda

The Conference agenda will be developed jointly by the Organisational Committee and the Council. The draft agenda should be prepared by the end of December 2000. However, the draft programme will be subjected to revisions to accommodate the changes and modifications as of the topical questions or topics that may later emerge.

The Conference agenda will include the following topics: .

- Effective global, national, regional and local anti-corruption strategies;
- Specific strategies to address economic crimes, organised crime and money laundering;
- Prevention - the roles of education, culture, media;
- Corruption problematique at the regional level, state institutions and municipalities
- Conflict of interests, codes of conduct, integrity systems, values systems and other specific topics, e.g., corruption in sports, political party financing, public procurement and problematique of selection processes, corruption in private sector.

Financial responsibility and budget

The expectation of all parties is that the Conference will be organised so that the incomes associated with it will cover its expenses. All parties will work to achieve such result. However, neither Government nor the Council will be responsible for any financial commitments or liabilities associated with the Conference.

Based on its letter of invitation and to express its support to the 10th IACC, the Government is expected to provide a non-interest-bearing bridging financial loan in the amount of 30 million CZK payable by 31st March 2001. This loan will be repaid to the Government no later than by 30 November 2000. The conditions of the loan will be specified in the contract between the Ministry of Finance and Transparency International CR.

The risks of the Conference will be covered by the insurance contract. All financial funds will be handled with according to the most economical principles.

Sources of Conference income

The Conference will be organised on a basis that it pays for itself. The registration fees and donor contributions are the sources of Conference income. The other financial contributions from international sources will be provided, if needed, by the Council in accordance with the article 5 of this Memorandum.

A maximum of 2 000 participants will be allowed for. The Conference fee will be set at an amount so that the Conference costs may be covered at the attendance of 800 paying delegates.

Handling surplus funds

At the conclusion of the Conference, but not later than by 15 June 2002, a full, complete and audited account will be performed.

A gross profit (profits before repayments of liabilities to the Government of the Czech Republic and relevant partners and donors) shall be disposed with as follow:

The funds provided by the Government of the Czech Republic will be repaid at first; Then repayment to any donors who supported the Conference on the basis that there would be refunds in the event of their funds not being needed. (Some partners and donors financially support the Conference on condition that if the funds provided by donors are not used, they will receive them back after the Conference). Any outstanding part of profit will be assigned to Transparency International CR and it will contribute it to the projects in the Czech Republic and Central-European region with the objective to enhance and promote transparency in public life and restrict corruption. Those projects will be selected together with the Council.

Co-operation of the interested parties

The parties will closely co-operate, support and mutually inform each other about all aspects concerning the Conference preparation.

Signed in Prague on 2000.

For Transparency International - Czech Republic

For the Council of the International Anti-Corruption Conference (represented by its Secretariat, Transparency International with its registered office in Berlin)

For the Government of the Czech republic