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GOPAC Calls for G20 Governments to Implement Stronger Measures to Fight Corruption in Mining, Oil and Gas Sector

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GOPAC is a worldwide alliance of parliamentarians working together to combat corruption, strengthen good government, and uphold the rule of law.

Ottawa, Canada – The Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC) is calling for G20 governments to show greater accountability and implement stronger measures to fight corruption in the natural resource sector as political leaders prepare to meet with civil society organizations at the C20 Summit in Melbourne, Australia, 20-21 June 2014.

GOPAC supports this call with the release of [*The Shared Benefits of Resource Revenue Transparency*](#), a position paper enforcing the importance of transparency and accountability in the collection of revenues generated from natural resources. John Hyde, a former West Australian parliamentarian and now GOPAC Oceania Chair, will be speaking at the C20 on 20 June in Melbourne on the position paper and building strong civil institutions.

“Natural resources such as mining, oil and gas provide significant revenues to all levels of governments through taxes, royalties and other payments and the ultimate beneficiaries of such revenues should be their citizens,” said Mr Hyde. “When corruption leads to the mismanagement of these benefits, citizens are robbed of funds that could provide them with access to proper health care, quality education and clean water.”

The paper guides legislators on what powers they have to ensure their citizens benefit from the riches of their country’s natural resources. The paper calls on legislators to:

- Pursue greater transparency and accountability of resource contracts and revenues by fostering a continuous improvement agenda to increase scope and detail of reporting standards;
- Engage with international organizations and other legislators to strengthen good governance in the management of state-owned investment funds; and
- Build the frameworks necessary to ensure that public accounts of government revenues from natural resource developments are transparent, consolidated, and detailed.

“Many people have been getting very rich off the bounty of natural resources through corrupt means, such as kick-backs, but the rightful beneficiaries are all citizens of a country. GOPAC encourages legislators and governments to fight such forms of corruption and ensure their citizens thrive,” concluded Mr Hyde.

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