Global Organizations of Parliamentarians Against Corruption and Transparency International Solidify Partnership to Fight Corruption Globally

Ottawa – Dr. Naser Al Sane, Chair of the Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC), and Dr. Huguette Labelle, Chair of Transparency International (TI), signed a Collaboration Framework agreement between GOPAC and TI, to enable parliamentarians and civil society to work together more effectively to fight corruption.

GOPAC and TI will develop mutually coherent approaches to combat corruption and promote transparency and good governance. They will address issues of national, regional and global governance.

“Parliamentarians have the power to hold governments to account, and today’s framework will help ensure they have the tools and knowledge for them to fully harness this power,” said TI Chair, Dr. Huguette Labelle.

GOPAC and TI will engage in joint advocacy on anti-corruption issues and will identify opportunities for information-sharing, knowledge exchange and consultations. They will also work on strengthening parliaments as key anti-corruption agents and on promoting parliaments’ active participation in anti-corruption reform. Finally, they will encourage parliamentarians to take a more active role in global and regional anti-corruption initiatives.

“TI is a strong leader in the fight against corruption on the international stage and at the country level and shares many common goals and objectives with GOPAC,” said Dr. Naser Al Sane, Chair of GOPAC. “By formalising our relationship we further strengthen parliamentarians’ capacity to fight corruption and promote good governance worldwide.”

TI, a global movement consisting of the International Secretariat in Berlin and more than 100 TI national chapters, aspires to enhance the impact of the global movement against corruption. Leading the global fight against corruption on the international stage and at the country level, TI is active in a number of regional and national anti-corruption bodies and processes, including, but not limited to, the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC).

GOPAC is a worldwide alliance of parliamentarians working together to combat corruption, strengthen good government, and uphold the rule of law. Based in Ottawa, Canada, GOPAC has 50 national chapters on 5 continents. GOPAC supports its members’ efforts through original research, global anti-corruption capacity building, and international peer support.

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