



Message to the Conference of State Parties to the UNCAC from the OECD Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions

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The OECD Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions congratulates the Conference of State Parties on the occasion of its second session for its important accomplishments so far in combating corruption, including through the ratification of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) by over one hundred countries and the substantial work of its various working groups.

The OECD Working Group on Bribery recognises that the OECD Convention on Combating Bribery in International Business Transactions (OECD Anti-Bribery Convention) and the UNCAC are mutually reinforcing and complementary regarding the bribery of foreign public officials and officials of public international organizations. The OECD Working Group on Bribery believes that close collaboration between the UNODC and OECD on this issue is imperative to achieve substantial progress in the fight against foreign bribery, and thus **strongly supports efforts of the two organisations to co-ordinate relevant activities and share information.**

Since the UNCAC came into force in December 2005, the OECD Working Group on Bribery has made significant efforts to contribute to initiatives of the Conference of State Parties. Substantial input has been provided on the development of the UNODC Legislative Guide and the Technical Guide to support it. Substantial information has been provided on the implementation of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention by the eleven Parties to that Convention that volunteered for the UNCAC Pilot Project on the Review of UNCAC Implementation.

The OECD Working Group on Bribery is also committed to **sharing its expertise gained through monitoring implementation of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention and OECD-led regional anti-corruption initiatives** to assist, at such time as the Conference of State Parties to the UNCAC so requests, in the following areas:

- **Development of an effective mechanism for reviewing implementation of the UNCAC, and the design of technical assistance measures particularly for drafting and revising legislation on combating the bribery of foreign public officials;**
- **Identification of best practices and challenges** for the implementation of prohibitions in the criminal law against bribing foreign public officials, international co-operation for corruption matters, and the seizure and confiscation of bribes and the proceeds of bribing; and
- **Prevention and detection of bribery** through the non-tax deductibility of bribe payments, agencies involved in ODA funded public procurement and official export credit support, and systems for accounting and auditing.

The OECD Working Group on Bribery is **prepared to discuss ways for sharing its expertise** in these areas and for continuing to provide input and information on the various initiatives of the Conference of State Parties to the UNCAC.