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Declaration

on the prevention of corruption

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Preamble:

The CIAN - Conseil Français des Investisseurs en Afrique - (French Committee of Investors in Africa) took note of the OECD report on the implementation in France of the Convention on combating the corruption of foreign public agents in international business transactions (January 2004) and especially of the related recommendations for companies.

In July 2002 the CIAN Legal and Tax Committee set up a Working Group on the prevention of corruption so as to help its member companies adopt measures to prevent corruption efficiently.

Deeming it necessary to express a position common to all the CIAN members, the Working Group drew up a declaration on the prevention of corruption, which was adopted by the Board of Directors on March 25, 2004 and will be presented at the next General Assembly:

Declaration:

The CIAN:

- a. Condemns any form of corruption, considers it is a major impediment to development in Africa and supports the NEPAD leaders' wish to combat it;
- b. Notes with satisfaction the adoption of the two anti-corruption Conventions by the African Union and the United Nations in 2003;
- c. Encourages African countries to quickly ratify these Conventions, to adopt efficient measures of corruption prevention and indictment and to apply the related legal mechanisms to all the companies operating on their territory;



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- d. Also encourages the emerging countries investing in Africa to quickly ratify the United Nations anti-corruption Convention and expects the French authorities to take appropriate action to this end in their bilateral relations as well as in the international sphere.

The CIAN:

- e. Expresses its Members' wish to set up mechanisms to prevent corruption;
- f. Encourages its Members to collaborate in the field so as to better prevent corruption;
- g. Deplores that French companies operating in Africa are too often subject to direct or indirect solicitations - sometimes threatening - from public agents, and especially in the context of tax inspections or customs clearance;
- h. Encourages the French and African authorities to cooperate, between themselves and with the companies so as to find solutions to these unacceptable cases of extortion.

The CIAN wishes to actively contribute to the prevention of corruption in particular by committing itself to:

- i. Offer its Members to work together on the means to prevent corruption in the framework of regular meetings of the Working Group;
- j. Closely collaborate with professional and employers' associations in France, Europe and Africa;
- k. Fully cooperate with the French authorities and their representatives in Africa ;
- l. Support the initiatives adopted by African governments to combat corruption;
- m. Draw the attention of public authorities in African countries on obvious cases of direct or indirect solicitations the CIAN companies might be faced with.