<u>Transparency International Canada</u> <u>Fourteenth Annual General Meeting</u> <u>Report of Executive Director on work of TI-Canada – 2010</u>

May 12, 2011 Bronwyn Best, Executive Director

TI-Canada revised its membership fees for 2010 and added an additional category, in the form of Roundtable Membership. While the number of members fell slightly to 96 from 110, the amount of membership revenues almost doubled from 2009. In 2010, TI-Canada had 4 Roundtable, 4 Charter, 1 Professional, 4 Voluntary Sector and 78 Individual and 5 Student Members.

Some significant TI-Canada activities, in 2010, include:

- Completion of our third CIDA-funded Policy Option Project with China, "Strengthening the Anti-Corruption Legal Framework to Promote Clean Local Governments," in concert with the Development Research Centre of Shanghai Municipality; this was the third and final project with China to transfer knowledge from Canada in support of China creating viable anti-corruption policies.
- Holding of the annual symposium, "Avoiding the Pitfalls: Don't get shafted"; focusing on the extractive sector, this symposium provided information on Canada's newly launched CSR Strategy for the Extractive Sector, the role of the CSR Counsellor and the CSR Centre for Excellence, the one-stop shop for information on global CSR standards, rules and best practices to assist in avoiding pitfalls; the Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act and the role played by the RCMP; the implications of the Foreign Corruption Practices Act, as a result of offering securities for sale on any U. S. stock exchange; and the role of Transparency International Canada in helping Canadian companies to avoid pitfalls.
- Presentation by TI-Canada Board Member, Tom Marshall, on "Canadian Legal Framework Anti-Corruption Focus: Canadian Corporations Operating in Foreign Markets," to a workshop put on by Dominican-Canadian Chamber of Commerce, 23 March, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- On behalf of TI-S, the participation of the TI-Canada ED in the Civil G8, in Vancouver, in April .
- Launching of a new funding initiative the TI-Canada Business Roundtable; first Roundtable was held in September with Peter Dent of Deloitte and Touche presenting on "Deconstructing Siemens"; the purpose of the Roundtable is a forum for companies to: Interact within a select group of peer companies in the search for workable solutions to international corruption; share ideas, best practices and experiences in dealing with corruption in international markets, and; develop a stronger voice, through participation in the Roundtable, to enable TI-Canada in addressing corruption issues affecting the business community.
- on behalf of Canadian civil society, the production by two TI-Canada Board

Members of the "Report on the Implementation in Canada of the Convention Provisions Selected for Review in the Third Round, and on Follow-up to the Recommendations formulated to that Country in Previous Rounds" for the Committee of Experts on the Mechanism for follow-up on the implementation of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption.

- production of annual TI OECD Report Card for Canada as part of the TI OECD Progress Report Review 2010.
- creation of the *TI-Canada Anti-Corruption Compliance Checklist* (TI-Canada ACC), which was launched on 31 January 2011; the TI-Canada ACC provides a one-stop shop for those seeking to enhance their risk management process, in line with Canada's *Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act*; the various tools, which make up the TI-Canada ACC, are mainly products of Transparency International, some created in concert with other international organizations and Business.
- work with TI-S and other National Chapters on G8/G20 portfolios, as well as the report on Export Credit Agencies Anti-corruption Practices for the OECD Working Party on Export Credits and Credit Guarantees and participation in the TI 2015 Strategy meeting in Bogota, Colombia.
- participation of TI-Canada in the NGO, business, lawyer, and academic session of the Phase III Review of Canada for the implementation of the OECD Antibribery Convention as well as participation of the TI-Canada Executive Director in a panel at the presentation of the OECD's Dr. Alex Conte on "Canada, Canadian Business and the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention," co-sponsored by TI-Canada.
- publication in Public Administration and Development of "The Challenges and Opportunities of Implementing the Integrity Pacts as a Strategy for Combating Corruption in Nigeria's Oil-Rich Niger Delta Region," with the TI-Canada ED as one of three authors, along with York University professors Dr. Wesley Cragg and Dr. Uwafiokun Idemudia.
- presentation by the TI-Canada Executive Director at the cross-regional session on "Private Sector Programmes Tools: What they are and how they can be used," at the TI Annual Members Meeting in Bangkok.
- presentation by Board Member Tom Marshall and TI-Canada Executive Director on TI, TI-Canada and the TI tools available for business and the governments that work with them, to the International Trade Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Trade.
- publication of two TI-Canada Newsletters.

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Respectfully submitted,

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