ANNUAL WORK PLAN TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL CANADA 2004

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Strategic Initiatives

- (1) We will work to understand what goes on in Canada and what contributes to corruption at the federal, provincial and municipal level and among Canadian businesses with a view to
 - Influencing the Canadian government to take a leadership role in promoting an anti-corruption agenda at home and abroad
 - Building a more comprehensive understanding of the state of corruption in Canada, for example:
 - What people regard as corruption
 - How Canadian companies contribute to corruption internationally
 - Problematic areas (e.g. problematic industries, municipalities, specific geographic locales, etc.)
 - How the public sector and NGOs contribute to corruption

A primary goal will be to increase the awareness in Canada of the nature of corruption and its destructive consequences here and abroad

TI-Canada will continue with its work, begun in late 2003, on a proposed Survey on Municipal Corruption in Canada. An Advisory Group/Sounding Board (AG/SB) will be established, to provide guidance with respect to the proposed survey. Depending on the advice from the AG/SB, a small, pilot survey can be conducted. This would be followed by a larger survey, conducted by a polling firm, on behalf of TI-Canada, in, for example, Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver. Results of the Survey would be disseminated to appropriate governments and private sector industries. One step may be to have the TI-Canada Annual General Meeting dedicated to this topic. Resources required: Significant funds will need to be raised to pay for the Survey. TI-Canada will produce a workshop on anti-corruption for the Canada-Poland Cultural Exchange Student Association Conference in May, at York University.

(2) We will work to encourage integration of anti-corruption provisions into international bilateral agreements; for example, the Chile/Canada Free Trade Agreement

TI-Canada will contact the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade to find out what international bilateral trade agreements are being worked on, to ensure they include anti-corruption provisions. TI-Canada will continue to encourage the federal government towards early ratification of the UN Convention against Corruption and support for the implementation features of the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption, in addition to raising awareness concerning the OECD Anti-bribery Convention.

(3) We will work with the Transparency International Secretariat and the international anti-corruption movement to effectively implement Transparency International's

various international anti-corruption initiatives, such as the OECD, OAS and UN Conventions, the Business Principles, Integrity Pacts, the Bribe Payers' Index (BPI) and Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) and the Umbrella Code of Ethics

TI-Canada works closely with the Canadian government and with other NGOs to ensure the ongoing viability of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention and the Inter-American Convention against Corruption. These activities will continue and to them will be added similar activities regarding the UN Convention against Corruption, including encouraging the Canadian government to ratify this Convention, as soon as possible. TI-Canada works closely with the TI Secretariat to promote various TI tools, particularly the CPI, BPI and Integrity Pacts.

- (4) (a) We will explore potential associations with other National Chapters, specifically:
 - Trinidad and Tobago Transparency Institute (TTTI),
 - TI Jamaica,
 - TI Chile

Since we are now in the same grouping at the TI Secretariat as the English speaking Caribbean National Chapters, TTTI and TI Jamaica, we will assist them, where we can, with information and expertise

- (b) We will co-operate with other Chapters to implement various anti-corruption initiatives, specifically: Nigeria:
 - Introduce the concept of the Integrity Pact in the Niger Delta
 - Organize a conference for the Oil and Gas Sector
 - Develop capacity in the NGO sector to monitor progress
 - In conjunction with CIDA, utilize the project as a template for other programs

Funding has been obtained from CIDA to produce this conference in the Spring of 2004. The conference will be focused on introducing the Integrity Pact to the NGO community, which will be responsible for the monitoring of the Integrity Pacts. This activity can be used as a model for other CIDA initiatives, regarding the Integrity Pact.