

TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL CANADA BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 7, 2004, 9:30 – 14:30 EST

Hydro One, 483 Bay Street, South Tower, 10th Floor, Board Room

Present:

Wes Cragg, Chair

Bronwyn Best, National Coordinator

Robert Blackburn (by conference call)

Clare Bonnell

Michael Davies

Anita Davis

Tom Goldie

Joy Kennedy (by conference call)

Errol Mendes (by conference call)

John Swinden

Regrets:

Peggy Cunningham

Bob Olivero

Peter Harris

John Willson

John McWilliams

Guest:

David Simpson, InterPraxis Consulting

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1. Nigeria Project

▪ Update on Phase 2

CIDA is interested in being a funder for Phase 2, along with other funders; the National Coordinator is in correspondence with CIDA, providing updates on the progress towards Phase 2, and will be meeting with CIDA officers on September 13, in Ottawa; it was emphasized that this is a partnership program, with Transparency in Nigeria as the decision-maker regarding key stakeholders and program content, with TI-Canada as facilitator with the assistance of TI Norway and Juanita Olaya (TI Secretariat); the question was raised as to how those who are key stakeholders but not funders now might be able to contribute, once the training needs expand; **TI-Canada** to contact the new Canadian High Commissioner, in Nigeria, David Angel, to introduce him to the Project

▪ Monitoring of Nigeria EITI initiative

Wes Cragg reviewed his conversation with Dr. Oby Ezekwesili, Coordinator, National Stakeholders' Working Group on Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, Nigeria, regarding the need for a credible monitor for Nigeria's report on the EITI; it was noted that TI-Canada's Mission, as part of the Strategic Plan, states "TI-Canada will continue to develop and use its unique expertise in procurement systems, governance, auditing and auditor general function, development and implementation of codes of ethics and general ethics management to define and introduce strategies and mechanisms that make corrupt practices, if not impossible, at least unlikely and punishable, both on the national as well as on the international level. Raising public awareness of the problem, stressing that corruption is a problem that can be tackled and that it is not a given fact of life, is the first step in this direction." **Moved** by Clare Bonnell and **seconded** by Michael Davies that the