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Statement by Transparency International  
Ending of formal ties between Transparency International  
and Transparencia Internacional Costa Rica (now called  
Transparencia Costa Rica)

At its meeting on 25-26 September 2006, a decision was taken by the international Board of Directors of Transparency International (TI) not to accept the request for full accreditation of Transparencia Internacional Costa Rica (now called Transparencia Costa Rica). The organisation had formerly been TI's national chapter in formation in Costa Rica.

*As a result, Transparencia Costa Rica is no longer a member of Transparency International, and it may no longer use the name or logo of Transparency International or claim any association with the TI movement.*

The decision was the final act of a process initiated in July 2004 when Transparencia Costa Rica submitted its request for full accreditation. In the framework of the TI "National Chapter Accreditation and Individual Member Appointment Policy", the TI Board of Directors concluded that Transparencia Costa Rica did not fulfill the international standards set by this policy.

Corruption remains a serious threat to Costa Rica's future. To reinvigorate the effort to reduce corruption and build a broad civil society coalition, TI will seek new partners to continue the work of the Transparency International movement in Costa Rica.

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