

Resolutions from the 2015 Annual Membership Meeting

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Tax evasion and illicit flows

From the beginning of our movement, we pointed to the illicit flow of money from South to North, representing a major impediment to development.

Money laundering of bribes and stolen state assets has thus become a major target in our fight, increasingly since the early meetings of the G20.

In our fight, we regularly join forces with fellow NGOs acting for the recovery of stolen assets and against tax evasion.

The 2015 Annual Membership Meeting resolve that Transparency International confirms its commitment to:

- advocate for reforms and practises that address those financial systems that facilitate corruption and tax evasion and that allow those responsible to escape justice;
- require strict compliance by banks and others with anti-money laundering rules, and;
- where possible and relevant, work with others, including whistleblowers, to close opportunities for abuses in tax policy, payments and collection.

Reconciliation and Amnesty Laws should not legalise impunity

In light of the projects of legislation in Tunisia, Mongolia and in other countries, potential amnesties for the crimes of corruption, embezzlement and misappropriation of public national assets committed in the past in those countries,

The 2015 Annual Membership Meeting resolves that:

- Reconciliation and amnesty laws should achieve justice, accountability and social peace while upholding principles of transparency and integrity.
- Such laws should be submitted to open national dialogues with state and non-state actors ensuring inclusion and participation of all concerned parties, in accordance with international principles for transitional justice, and respect for the independence of the judiciary.
- Governments and parliaments, particularly in transitional and developing countries where public funds have been embezzled and national assets stolen – should endorse the aforementioned principles to protect the public interest and end impunity.
- Specialised legal and legislative expertise should be mobilised; best practises and lessons learned should inform the process for technically well-formulated compact laws.

Resolution on Malaysia

In Putrajaya, Malaysia the Annual Membership Meeting of the Transparency International Movement passed the following Resolution:

Malaysia is facing a major corruption crisis. The Transparency International movement seeks a strong and clear commitment from the government of Malaysia to ensure:

1. Independent investigations into all corruption allegations
2. Follow through with prosecutions and punishments, irrespective of who is implicated, and
3. The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission must act free from political interference and be independent.

Many countries around the world face similar crises and these commitments should apply to them too.