RESOLUTIONS – 2014 TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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PROTECT CIVIL SOCIETY SPACE NOW

Proponents: JC Weliamuna, TI Sri Lanka, Supported by Pablo Secchi, TI Argentina, Agnija Jansone, TI Latvia, Kol Preap, TI Cambodia, Viktor Alistar, TI Romania

Transparency International is appalled to see the space for civil society continues to deteriorate rapidly around the globe.

Transparency International members and civil society activists in Africa, the Americas, Asia-Pacific, Europe and the Middle East have been murdered, imprisoned, threatened, beaten, publicly humiliated and denied funds in concerted efforts to stop us fighting against the abuse of power, secret dealings and bribery.

We call on governments to safeguard the space for civil society in the fight against corruption and for basic rights to work free from fear, harassment and intimidation.

INTEGRITY IN SPORT: RESTORING TRUST IN FIFA

Proponent: Paul Arlman, TI Netherlands

World football’s governing body FIFA must take concrete steps to win back trust in sport governance at a time when corruption threatens the integrity of sport. The ability for sport to act as a force for good in the world is compromised when sports organisations are not held to the highest standards of good governance and accountability.

Following the awarding of the 2018 and 2022 World Cups to Russia and Qatar, respectively, it was alleged that FIFA executive committee members had taken bribes. FIFA initiated an investigation by its Ethics Committee, known as the Garcia Report, which it has now said will remain secret.

Transparency International calls on FIFA to publish this report (in a form that respects the rights of individuals who agreed to give evidence anonymously) so that anyone who has been involved in bribery or wrong-doing is held to account.

RESOLUTION ON SPEAKING OUT ABOUT MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES


The Transparency International Annual Membership Meeting resolves that a Task Force be established by the Board of Directors (by December 1, 2014) to review the most effective ways in which the TI movement should
formulate positions and make public policy statements about multinational enterprises that have engaged in corrupt activities, including the bribing of foreign government officials and the use of money laundering systems.

The Task Force should report its findings, by mid-May 2015, to the Board of Directors, enabling the Board at its mid-2015 meeting to consider the conclusions and determine appropriate TI activities and policy.

Note:

For this resolution a multinational enterprise is defined in line with OECD Guidelines, as noted in the footnote here. Corporate corruption here relates to bribe-paying to government officials, money laundering and other activities, including illicit finance by financial institutions as both the promoters of such activities and as the recipients of illicit funds.