What do all these have in common?

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In 2014, G20 leaders promised to crack down on the corrupt by making it much harder to move cash anonymously. Already, the UK has promised to make the names of people who own and control companies totally transparent.

But one year on, many leaders haven’t turned words into action. It’s still far too easy for the corrupt to enjoy their stolen money without leaving a trace...

...it’s time leaders put the right laws and protections in place to make it clear who’s really pulling the strings.

The Good news

In 8 countries...
...banks can proceed with a transaction without identifying the real person behind the funds.

Provided a corrupt politician has a contact to move money on their behalf, they don’t need to deal with any awkward questions about where the cash came from.

In 7 countries...
...real estate agents aren’t required to identify the real people who are behind the sales and purchases of property.

How do they know they are not helping a corrupt politician buy a luxury mansion with money stolen from their own citizens?

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