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## Open letter

Dear Prime Minister Minnis,

Transparency International, the leading global civil society organisation fighting corruption around the world, and its national contact in the country, Citizens for a Better Bahamas, would like to congratulate you on your recent election as the fourth Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

We recognise and applaud your government's commitment to deliver on your campaign promises of transparency, accountability and good governance reforms, as outlined in your recent pronouncements to introduce various anti-corruption legislation, along with an autonomous anti-corruption agency.

We look forward to your government's prompt and ongoing development of modern and robust anti-corruption policies. To that end, we wish to extend our support to your government through our global network of research, expertise and advice on international best practices in the areas of open, transparent and accountable governance.

We expect that your government will adopt a national action plan for good governance, which includes increased levels of citizen participation in the decision-making process. Further, we recommend the five following areas for priority consideration:

- 1) The full enactment and implementation of a strong Freedom of Information Act;
- 2) The enactment of whistleblower protection legislation;
- 3) The enforcement of the Public Disclosure Act;
- 4) Political Campaign Finance Reform; and
- 5) A fair and open public procurement system.

We are ready to support you in ensuring that the aforementioned transparency measures are implemented in the Bahamas and we hope that your government will herald in an auspicious new era of transparency, accountability and integrity in governance in the Bahamas.

Yours sincerely,



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