



## **The Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network**

### **Resolution No. 1/2010**

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**Guided by the Charter of the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network, and in line with its Rules of Procedure,**

**Confirming the independent and non-intrusive nature of the Network, which is established as a regional framework for capacity development, knowledge networking and policy dialogue, in response to the projects and suggestions that represent the collective will of its members, and in line with the principle of national sovereignty,**

**After reviewing the progress report of 2009-2010,**

**In the framework of its second General Meeting held in Sana'a on 27 July 2010;**

**The Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network resolves to:**

#### **First, the Chairmanship and Programme of Work of the Second Work Cycle (2010-2011):**

1. Transfer the chairmanship of the Network from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, represented by H.E. the Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Commission, Dr. Abed SHAKHANBEH, to the Republic of Yemen, represented by H.E. the President of the Supreme National Authority for Combating Corruption, Mr. Ahmed AL ANISI.
2. Approve the selection of the Kingdom of Morocco, represented by the President of the Central Instance for the Prevention of Corruption, Mr. Abdesselam ABOUDRAR, to chair the third work cycle of the Network.
3. Endorse the Programme of Work of the second work cycle for 2010-2011 (enclosed), and request the Regional Support Unit to immediately proceed with implementation efforts.

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4. Direct the Regional Support Unit to contact the members in relation to their countries' interest in participating in an in-depth regional study on the legislative gaps in national criminal laws compared to the provision of the UN Convention against Corruption, in preparation for the finalization of the study before the Conference of States Parties, which is expected to take place in Morocco in 2011. The study shall take into consideration the significance of the linkages between corruption crimes under the Convention, and the crime of money laundering, and shall attempt to explore the interplay with the related conventions and standards that are being developed by the League of Arab States.
5. Explore the possibility of supporting capacity development for financial and administrative bodies that are members in the Network on matters related to monitoring of implementation of public projects, especially those concerned with the delivery of basic services such as health, education, water and others, with a view to organizing specialized activities in this area.

**Second, Expanding Memberships and Supporting Networking and Linkages with Other Concerned Actors:**

6. Invite members to reach out to other national governmental actors who are concerned with strengthening integrity and fighting corruption in their respective countries, and who have not joined the Network yet, with a view to introducing them to the Network and encouraging them to join it and benefit from its support.
7. Take note of the completion of the constitutive work of the non-governmental group that is envisioned in the Charter of the Network, in accordance with the Dead Sea Ministerial Declaration of 2008, and applaud this effort, which embodies the Arab countries' movement towards enhancing societal partnerships against corruption, and the members' aspirations to further pursue complementarities and cooperation with non-governmental actors who uphold objective and professional standards in their work, in accordance with the content of the Charter of the Network.
8. Emphasize the importance of supporting linkages with the League of Arab States, which is the cornerstone of joint Arab cooperation, and invite H.E. the Secretary General, Mr. Amr MOUSA, to take this matter under his consideration in the framework of the Resolution of the Arab Summit, held in Doha in 2009, which expresses the commitment of the Arab leaders to "continue the efforts aimed at deepening good governance practices and implement the principles of transparency, responsibility, accountability and public participation"; and reaffirm the Network's readiness to visit the League of Arab States with a view to depositing its constitutive documents and exploring possible cooperation.

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9. Take note of the recommendations issued at the end of the regional workshop on asset recovery, held in the Arab Republic of Egypt on 10-11 March 2010, and direct the Regional Support Unit to assist the Members in cooperating with the League of Arab States and the Stolen Asset Recovery (StAR) Initiative in this area.
10. Welcome the recommendations of the regional workshop on strengthening integrity in the private sector, which was held in the Kingdom of Bahrain on 16-17 March 2010, and direct the Regional Support Unit to take these recommendations into consideration when implementing complementary activities under the Programme of Work of the second work cycle.
11. Take note of the Malaysian initiative on developing the capacity of anti-corruption institutions in the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Conference, and express the desire of the Network's members to launch cooperation efforts with the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Academy, which is responsible for implementing this initiative in cooperation with the UN Development Programme; and direct the Regional Support Unit to assist the members in benefiting from the important training services provided by the Initiative.

**Third, Preparing for the Conference of States Parties to the UN Convention against Corruption:**

12. Call upon members to activate the internal dialogue in their respective countries in preparation for the fourth session of the Conference of States Parties to the UN Convention against Corruption in 2011, with a focus on the review mechanism and means of enhancing engagement in it.
13. Request the Secretariat of the Conference of States Parties to enable the direct engagement of the Network in the Conference, by means of organizing a parallel activity that would affirm its engagement in the international anti-corruption efforts; and call upon the Kingdom of Morocco, in its capacity as the host country, to follow up on this request, as needed.

**The Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network instructs the Regional Support Unit to pursue the implementation of this Resolution and provide a progress report at the next General Meeting that is convened by the Chairmanship; and**

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**Expresses its highest degrees of appreciation and gratefulness for the wise and exceptional leadership of H.E. Dr. Abed SHAKHANBEH during the first work cycle and thanks him for his valuable contributions that enabled the Network to become a pioneering regional mechanism in the area of integrity and anti-corruption.**

**Extends its deep gratitude to the Republic of Yemen and the Programme on Governance in the Arab Region at the UN Development Programme for all the efforts that were made to support the organization of this meeting.**

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