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## **2017 G20 Hamburg Summit Interim Compliance Report**

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“The University of Toronto ... produced a detailed analysis to the extent of which each G20 country has met its commitments since the last summit ... I think this is important; we come to these summits, we make these commitments, we say we are going to do these things and it is important that there is an organisation that checks up on who has done what.”

— *David Cameron, Prime Minister, United Kingdom, at the 2012 Los Cabos Summit*

\* Note: For seven commitments, the assessment period was from 8 July 2017 to 9 January; for the remaining 10 commitments, the assessment period extended to 5 March 2018.

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## 2. Corruption: Resilience

“We commit to organising our public administrations to be more resilient against corruption.”

*G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World*

### Assessment

Country	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina		0	
Australia		0	
Brazil			+1
Canada			+1
China			+1
France			+1
Germany	-1		
India		0	
Indonesia			+1
Italy		0	
Japan		0	
Korea			+1
Mexico		0	
Russia		0	
Saudi Arabia			+1
South Africa	-1		
Turkey	-1		
United Kingdom			+1
United States		0	
European Union		0	
Average Score		+0.25	

### Background

The G20 first committed to addressing crime and corruption at the 2009 Pittsburgh Summit, where they agreed “to maintain the momentum in dealing with tax havens, money laundering, proceeds of corruption, terrorist financing, and prudential standards.”<sup>311</sup> At the 2010 Toronto Summit, G20 leaders called for all countries to ratify and fully implement the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), and to fully implement reviews in accordance with its provisions.<sup>312</sup> They also established the G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group (ACWG), tasking it with recommending to the members better ways of engaging in international efforts to combat corruption.<sup>313</sup>

At the 2012 Los Cabos Summit, the G20 endorsed the G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group principles for denial of entry to corrupt officials.<sup>314</sup> The following year, at the 2013 St. Petersburg

<sup>311</sup> The G20 Pittsburgh Summit Commitments, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 2009. Access Date: 27 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-09-pittsburgh.html>.

<sup>312</sup> The G20 Toronto Summit Commitments, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 2010. Access Date: 27 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/to-communicate.html>.

<sup>313</sup> The G20 Toronto Summit Commitments, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 2010. Access Date: 27 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/to-communicate.html>.

<sup>314</sup> G20 Leaders Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 19 June 2012. Access Date 1 November 2016. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2012/2012-0619-loscabos.html>.

Summit, it endorsed the High-Level Principles on Mutual Legal Assistance.<sup>315</sup> At the 2014 Brisbane Summit, the G20 implemented the G20 High-Level Principles on Beneficial Ownership Transparency,<sup>316</sup> which outlined best practices for “improving the transparency of legal persons and arrangements.”<sup>317</sup>

At the 2015 Antalya Summit, the G20 endorsed the G20 High-Level Principles on Integrity and Transparency in the Private Sector, G20 Anti-Corruption Open Data Principles and the G20 Principles for Promoting Integrity in Public Procurement.<sup>318</sup> In particular, the Open Data Principles recognized the potential for “leveraging open data as a crucial tool to enable a culture of transparency, accountability and access to information.”<sup>319</sup> The following year, at the 2016 Hangzhou Summit, the G20 endorsed the G20 High Level Principles on Cooperation on Persons Sought for Corruption and Asset Recovery.<sup>320</sup>

The G20 continued to address crime and corruption at the 2017 Hamburg Summit. Leaders endorsed four sets of High Level Principles: on Organizing Against Corruption, on the Liability of Legal Persons for Corruption, on Countering Corruption in Customs, and on Combatting Corruption Related to Illegal Trade in Wildlife and Wildlife Products.<sup>321</sup> Regarding the first set of principles, G20 members specifically committed to “organising [its] public administrations to be more resilient against corruption.”<sup>322</sup>

G20 leaders recognized that “corruption hampers the efficient and effective operation of government, its fairness and impartiality of decision-making and the delivery of government services.”<sup>323</sup> Moreover, they noted the value of resilient public administrations in “[fostering] citizens’ trust” and increasing “the attractiveness of a country as a business location.”<sup>324</sup> Importantly, the G20 members sought to address a gap in existing measures for addressing public sector

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<sup>315</sup> G20 Leaders’ Declaration St. Petersburg (Intensifying Fight Against Corruption), G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 September 2013. Access Date: 27 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2013/2013-0906-declaration.html#corruption>.

<sup>316</sup> G20 Leaders’ Communique Brisbane, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2014. Access Date: 27 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2014/2014-1116-communique.html>.

<sup>317</sup> G20 High-Level Principles on Beneficial Ownership Transparency, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2014. Access Date 1 November 2017. [http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2014/g20\\_high-level\\_principles\\_beneficial\\_ownership\\_transparency.pdf](http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2014/g20_high-level_principles_beneficial_ownership_transparency.pdf).

<sup>318</sup> G20 Leaders’ Communique Antalya, Turkey, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2015. Access Date: 27 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2015/151116-communique.html>.

<sup>319</sup> G20 Anti-Corruption Open Data Principles, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 2015. Access Date: 2 November 2016. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2015/G20-Anti-Corruption-Open-Data-Principles.pdf>.

<sup>320</sup> G20 Leaders’ Communique: Hangzhou Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 September 2016. Access Date: 27 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160905-communique.html>.

<sup>321</sup> G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 July 2017. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>.

<sup>322</sup> G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 July 2017. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>.

<sup>323</sup> Annex to G20 Leaders’ Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

<sup>324</sup> Annex to G20 Leaders’ Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

transparency, noting that “corruption prevention measures with regard to the organizational structure and workflow management are also essential.”<sup>325</sup>

### **Commitment Features**

The G20 commitment is “organising [its] public administrations to be more resilient against corruption.”<sup>326</sup> This commitment consists of six core areas, each defined in the G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption:<sup>327</sup>

#### 1. Administration:

- G20 members must conduct periodic risk analyses to identify positions, tasks, and processes in the public administration which are particularly vulnerable to corruption.<sup>328</sup> They must take appropriate and effective measures to address the risks identified.<sup>329</sup> Suggested actions include providing public services online to minimize opportunities for corrupt behaviour, transitioning from cash payments to secure and traceable digital payments, and defining fixed processing periods for the completion and delivery of public services.<sup>330</sup>

#### 2. Human resources:

- G20 members must create a merit-based professional public administration based on public service values and good governance.<sup>331</sup> They must promote adequate remuneration and be accountable for the composition of salaries, including for top-level management.<sup>332</sup> Suggested actions include conducting pre-employment screening and recognizing behaviour of integrity among officials.<sup>333</sup>

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<sup>325</sup> Annex to G20 Leaders’ Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

<sup>326</sup> G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 July 2017. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>.

<sup>327</sup> Annex to G20 Leaders’ Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

<sup>328</sup> Annex to G20 Leaders’ Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

<sup>329</sup> Annex to G20 Leaders’ Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

<sup>330</sup> Annex to G20 Leaders’ Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

<sup>331</sup> Annex to G20 Leaders’ Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

<sup>332</sup> Annex to G20 Leaders’ Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

<sup>333</sup> Annex to G20 Leaders’ Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

3. Training and awareness:

- G20 members must invest in a culture of integrity within their organizations through personal leadership, appropriate training, guidance, and advice for their staff.<sup>334</sup> They must provide the public service with clear and up-to-date information about their organization's policies, rules, and administrative procedures relevant to corruption prevention.<sup>335</sup> Where appropriate, G20 members must inform the public about their corruption prevention measures and policies.<sup>336</sup>

4. Monitoring and transparency:

- G20 members must train and hold senior officials accountable for managing corruption risks within their organization.<sup>337</sup> They must establish systems and methods to regularly monitor the implementation of their corruption prevention rules, relying on external audit institutions if appropriate and releasing findings to the public.<sup>338</sup> They must also promote the transparency of relevant public data, consistent with data protection and national security considerations.<sup>339</sup> As well, they must ensure that all credible allegations of corruption and followed-up in a timely manner in accordance with their domestic legal and administrative system.<sup>340</sup>

5. Coordination:

- G20 members must designate specific unit(s) and/or contact person(s) responsible for coordinating corruption prevention measures within public entities, tasking them with advising, training, and keeping management, staff, and the public informed about corruption prevention measures and integrity policies.<sup>341</sup> Suggested actions include strengthening the function of existing units/persons through legal measures (including whistleblowing

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<sup>334</sup> Annex to G20 Leaders' Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

<sup>335</sup> Annex to G20 Leaders' Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

<sup>336</sup> Annex to G20 Leaders' Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

<sup>337</sup> Annex to G20 Leaders' Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

<sup>338</sup> Annex to G20 Leaders' Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

<sup>339</sup> Annex to G20 Leaders' Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

<sup>340</sup> Annex to G20 Leaders' Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

<sup>341</sup> Annex to G20 Leaders' Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

protection for their informants), and providing a mechanism for anonymous reporting where appropriate.<sup>342</sup>

6. International cooperation:

- G20 members must continue to exchange best practices on corruption prevention with other members, especially providing technical assistance to States Parties to the UNCAC.<sup>343</sup>

To achieve full compliance, G20 members must act in five or all of the six aforementioned core areas to organize its public administrations against corruption. Acting in two to four areas will count as partial compliance. If a member only acts in one of the areas or fails to act in any of them, it will receive a score of noncompliance (-1).

Action in five areas suffices for full compliance because it demonstrates an effort to holistically address most elements of the High Level Principles identified as crucial for organizing against corruption. Action in two to four areas suffices only for partial compliance because as noted in the High Level Principles, organization measures “should not only focus on administrative procedures, but also on awareness-raising amongst public officials at all levels and on human resources management.”<sup>344</sup> Action in one or none of the areas suffices for non-compliance because it demonstrates little to no effort to address the High Level Principles identified as crucial for organizing against corruption.

**Scoring Guidelines**

-1	G20 member has taken action in one OR none of the six core areas to organize against corruption.
0	G20 member has taken action in two TO four of the six core areas to organize against corruption.
+1	G20 member has taken action in five OR all of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

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**Argentina: 0**

Argentina has partially complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 29 September 2017, Director of the Agency for Access to Public Information Eduardo Bertoni affirmed the importance of the Law on the Right of Access to Public Information, which includes improved organization of public archives.<sup>345</sup> The law, which entered into force on 29 September

<sup>342</sup> Annex to G20 Leaders’ Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

<sup>343</sup> Annex to G20 Leaders’ Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

<sup>344</sup> Annex to G20 Leaders’ Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

<sup>345</sup> Finally, Argentina Has a Law on Access to Public Information, Inter Press Service (Buenos Aires) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://www.ipsnews.net/2017/09/finally-argentina-law-access-public-information/>.

2017, facilitates access to all citizens through a digital platform and establishes an independent body to enforce the access to information legislation.<sup>346</sup>

On 1 November 2017, Minister of Production Francisco Cabrera, Minister of Modernization Andrés Ibarra, and Legal and Technical Secretary Pablo Clusellas announced the principles and next steps of the State Simplification Plan, which aims to promote transparency, agility, and federalization.<sup>347</sup> It is based on international best practices of the State's relationship with citizens and includes initiatives such as electronic document management and simplified administrative procedures.<sup>348</sup> Next steps for implementation include the development of digital corporate books and the use of digital files across the national public service.<sup>349</sup>

On 8 November 2017, the National Congress of Argentina passed a bill creating a criminal liability regime for entities involved in corruption.<sup>350</sup> The Corporate Liability Bill allows courts to fine companies an amount of up to five times greater than the quantity the company acquired fraudulently, and also permits companies to be blacklisted from public contracts.<sup>351</sup> The new statute, modelled after other major global anti-corruption laws, addresses Argentina's commitments under the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business.<sup>352</sup> Despite these legal reforms, the judiciary in Argentina remains subject to criticisms of limited judicial oversight and judicial inaction on corruption convictions, as "final convictions in corruption cases remain the exception."<sup>353</sup>

On 21 to 22 November 2017, the Argentine government, along with civil society members, jointly hosted the Open Government Partnership Americas Regional Meeting in Buenos Aires.<sup>354</sup> The meeting promoted an exchange of good practices among more than 70 member countries and addressed issues such as citizen participation, protection of civic space, anti-corruption, and

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<sup>346</sup> New Law on Access to Public Information, Ministry of the Interior (Buenos Aires) 2 November 2017. Access Date: 6 December 2017. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/accesoalainformacion/nuevaley>.

<sup>347</sup> The State Simplification Plan Was Presented, Ministry of Modernization (Buenos Aires) 2 November 2017. Access Date: December 6, 2017. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/se-presento-el-plan-de-simplificacion-del-estado>.

<sup>348</sup> The State Simplification Plan Was Presented, Ministry of Modernization (Buenos Aires) 2 November 2017. Access Date: December 6, 2017. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/se-presento-el-plan-de-simplificacion-del-estado>.

<sup>349</sup> The Argentine Government Presents the Simplification Plan of the State (Buenos Aires) 2 November 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://ph.invertalia.net/news/the-argentine-government-presents-the-simplification-plan-of-the-state-11891>.

<sup>350</sup> Argentina Passes New Anti-Corruption Statute, HK Law (Miami) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://www.hklaw.com/publications/Argentina-Passes-New-Anti-Corruption-Statute-11-14-2017/>.

<sup>351</sup> Argentina: Congress Passes Corporate Corruption Bill, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (Buenos Aires) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <https://www.occrp.org/en/27-ccwatch/cc-watch-briefs/7236-argentina-congress-passes-corporate-corruption-bill>.

<sup>352</sup> Argentina Passes New Anti-Corruption Statute, HK Law (Miami) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://www.hklaw.com/publications/Argentina-Passes-New-Anti-Corruption-Statute-11-14-2017/>.

<sup>353</sup> Corruption Arrests in Argentina Raise Hope, and Skepticism, New York Times (Buenos Aires), 18 January 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2017. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/08/world/americas/argentina-corruption.html>.

<sup>354</sup> Regional Meeting of the Americas of the Alliance for the Open Government 2017, Ministry of Modernization (Buenos Aires) 19 October 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/encuentro-regional-de-las-americas-de-la-alianza-para-el-gobierno-abierto-2017>.



accountability.<sup>355</sup> In his opening address, President Mauricio Macri stressed the importance of a State that is accountable, at the service of citizens, and has transparent public institutions.<sup>356</sup>

Argentina has taken action in administration by continuing its State Simplification Plan; in training and awareness and international cooperation by hosting the Open Government Partnership Americas Regional Meeting; and in monitoring and transparency through the Corporate Liability Bill and the Law on the Right of Access to Public Information. These actions fulfill four of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of 0.

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### **Australia: 0**

Australia has partially complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 23 October 2017, the 2017 National Integrity Commission Bill was introduced.<sup>357</sup> The bill establishes an independent statutory agency to investigate and prevent corruption in all areas of the public administration and provide “independent advice to ministers and parliamentarians on conduct, ethics and matters of propriety.”<sup>358</sup>

On 14-16 November 2017, the Australian Public Sector partnered with the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman to hold the 2017 Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference.<sup>359</sup> The conference focused on “innovations, strategies and future directions in preventing corruption.”<sup>360</sup>

On 5 December 2017, the Government of Australia proposed new laws regarding foreign interference in domestic affairs such as foreign donations in political campaigns and creating a public register where foreign lobbyists must declare who they are working for.<sup>361</sup> According to Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, there have been “‘disturbing reports’ of Chinese influence” in Australian

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<sup>355</sup> Macri and Ibarra inaugurated the Regional Meeting for Open Government, Ministry of Modernization (Buenos Aires) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 1 December 2017. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/macri-e-ibarra-inauguraron-el-encuentro-regional-para-el-gobierno-abierto>.

<sup>356</sup> Macri and Ibarra inaugurated the Regional Meeting for Open Government, Ministry of Modernization (Buenos Aires) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 1 December 2017. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/macri-e-ibarra-inauguraron-el-encuentro-regional-para-el-gobierno-abierto>.

<sup>357</sup> National Integrity Commission Bill 2017, Parliament of Australia (Canberra) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017. [https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Bills\\_Legislation/Bills\\_Search\\_Results/Result?bld=r6002](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Bills_Legislation/Bills_Search_Results/Result?bld=r6002).

<sup>358</sup> National Integrity Commission Bill 2017, Parliament of Australia (Canberra) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017. [https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Bills\\_Legislation/Bills\\_Search\\_Results/Result?bld=r6002](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Bills_Legislation/Bills_Search_Results/Result?bld=r6002).

<sup>359</sup> Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference (APSAAC) 2017, Commonwealth Ombudsman (Canberra) No publication date given. Access Date: 30 November 2017. <http://www.ombudsman.gov.au/news-and-media/other-resources/australian-public-sector-anti-corruption-conference-apsacc-2017>.

<sup>360</sup> Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference (APSAAC) 2017, Commonwealth Ombudsman (Canberra) No publication date given. Access Date: 30 November 2017. <http://www.ombudsman.gov.au/news-and-media/other-resources/australian-public-sector-anti-corruption-conference-apsacc-2017>.

<sup>361</sup> Australia Unveils Laws to Prevent Foreign Interference, BBC News (London) 5 December 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-australia-42232178>.

affairs.<sup>362</sup> Such influence includes previous Labour Party Senator Sam Dastyari's involvement with Chinese billionaire Huang Xiangmo, who has links to the Chinese government.<sup>363</sup> Dastyari allowed Huang Xiangmo to pay for one of his legal bills and 'tipped him off,' stating that his phone was probably being taped by security agencies.<sup>364</sup> Due to Dastyari's corrupt behavior, Labor Party Leader Bill Shorten asked him to step down from his position.<sup>365</sup>

On 28 January 2018, Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce stated that Australia does not need an "independent anti-corruption watchdog to oversee federal politics" as the Senate suffices in performing such function.<sup>366</sup> This statement is in response to many Australians requesting the establishment of an independent anti-corruption watchdog.<sup>367</sup>

Australia has taken action in training and awareness by hosting the 2017 Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference; monitoring and transparency by cracking down on foreign interference in Australian domestic affairs; and coordination by introducing the 2017 National Integrity Commission Bill. These actions fulfil three of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, Australia receives a score of 0.

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### **Brazil: +1**

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 28 July 2017, the Governments of Brazil and the United States signed a bilateral agreement to provide additional resources for the fight against transnational crime.<sup>368</sup> The Federal Police (PF) also confirmed they have rejoined Ameripol, a cooperative policing community across the Americas.<sup>369</sup>

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<sup>362</sup> Sam Dastyari Quits as Labor Senator Over China Connections, The Guardian (London) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2017/dec/12/sam-dastyari-quits-labor-senator-china-connections>.

<sup>363</sup> Sam Dastyari Quits as Labor Senator Over China Connections, The Guardian (London) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2017/dec/12/sam-dastyari-quits-labor-senator-china-connections>.

<sup>364</sup> Sam Dastyari Told to Resign from Senate Positions After China Revelation, The Guardian (London) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2017/nov/30/sam-dastyari-told-to-resign-from-senate-positions-after-china-revelation>.

<sup>365</sup> Sam Dastyari Told to Resign from Senate Positions After China Revelation, The Guardian (London) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2017/nov/30/sam-dastyari-told-to-resign-from-senate-positions-after-china-revelation>.

<sup>366</sup> Barnaby Joyce: Federal ICAC Unnecessary as Senate has Anti-Corruption Powers, The Guardian (London) 28 January 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2018/jan/28/barnaby-joyce-federal-icac-unnecessary-as-senate-has-anti-corruption-powers>.

<sup>367</sup> Barnaby Joyce: Federal ICAC Unnecessary as Senate has Anti-Corruption Powers, The Guardian (London) 28 January 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2018/jan/28/barnaby-joyce-federal-icac-unnecessary-as-senate-has-anti-corruption-powers>.

<sup>368</sup> Brazil and US Intensify Fight Against Transnational Crime, Presidency of the Republic of Brazil (Brasilia) 28 July 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/07/brazil-and-us-intensify-fight-against-transnational-crime>.

<sup>369</sup> Brazil and US Intensify Fight Against Transnational Crime, Presidency of the Republic of Brazil (Brasilia) 28 July 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/07/brazil-and-us-intensify-fight-against-transnational-crime>.

American intelligence and police units also agreed to train their Brazilian counterparts as part of an agreement signed with the US Department of State.<sup>370</sup>

As of 3 August 2017, President Michel Temer will not face a corruption trial as the Congress failed to obtain the two-thirds majority to send the case to the Supreme Court.<sup>371</sup> While the president suffers from a low approval rating amongst the general population, he still receives widespread support from senior politicians and businessmen.<sup>372</sup> President Temer was accused of receiving USD12 million from the Brazilian meat packing company, JBS S.A.<sup>373</sup> He subsequently criticized the Brazilian judiciary ahead of its announcement of additional corruption charges against him as basing their claims on unsubstantiated information.<sup>374</sup> In a statement, President Temer claims “reputations are shattered in conversations founded on clandestine actions ... bandits concoct versions based on hearsay in exchange for impunity or to obtain a pardon, even partial, for their innumerable crimes.”<sup>375</sup>

On 29 August 2017, Minister of Agriculture Blairo Maggi addressed the Chamber of Deputies to discuss proposed changes to the meat inspection process that would improve the quality control systems in light of the food safety crisis in March 2017, in which the police conducted investigations into alleged bribery of food sanitation inspectors under Operation Weak Flesh.<sup>376</sup> However, details of the proposed changes have yet to be announced.<sup>377</sup> Minister Maggi updated the Chamber of Deputies on 31 October 2017 to state that the country has recovered from the damage incurred by Operation Weak Flesh, and took the opportunity to review the proposed changes to ban political appointments of civil servants to certain ministerial-level appointments.<sup>378</sup>

On 4 September 2017, Brazil participated in the ninth annual Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS) Summit in Xiamen, China.<sup>379</sup> As a part of the summit, Brazil reaffirmed its commitment to cooperating in the fight against corruption, namely through the BRICS Anti-Corruption Working Group.<sup>380</sup>

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<sup>370</sup> Brazil and US Intensify Fight Against Transnational Crime, Presidency of the Republic of Brazil (Brasilia) 28 July 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/07/brazil-and-us-intensify-fight-against-transnational-crime>.

<sup>371</sup> Brazil's President Temer Survives Corruption Vote, BBC News (London) 3 August 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-40809826>.

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<sup>374</sup> Brazilian corruption scandal: President Temer slams judiciary, BBC News (London) 12 September 2017. Access Date: 7 December 2017. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-41248075>.

<sup>375</sup> Brazilian corruption scandal: President Temer slams judiciary BBC News UK Edition (London) 12 September 2017. Access Date: 7 December 2017. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-41248075>.

<sup>376</sup> Brazil overhauls meat oversight, quality control systems in wake of Weak Flesh probe, Reuters (Sao Paulo) 29 August 2017. Access Date: 7 December 2017. <https://af.reuters.com/article/commoditiesNews/idAFSON1IR00P>.

<sup>377</sup> Brazil overhauls meat oversight, quality control systems in wake of Weak Flesh probe, Reuters (Sao Paulo) 29 August 2017. Access Date: 7 December 2017. <https://af.reuters.com/article/commoditiesNews/idAFSON1IR00P>.

<sup>378</sup> Maggi: Brazil Fully Recovered from Effects of Operation Weak Flesh, Presidency of the Republic of Brazil (Brasilia) 31 October 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/11/maggi-brazil-fully-recovered-from-effects-of-operation-weak-flesh>.

<sup>379</sup> BRICS Leaders Xiamen Declaration, BRICS Information Centre (Xiamen) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.brics.utoronto.ca/docs/170904-xiamen.html>.

<sup>380</sup> BRICS Leaders Xiamen Declaration, BRICS Information Centre (Xiamen) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.brics.utoronto.ca/docs/170904-xiamen.html>.

On 8 September 2017, former Cabinet Minister Geddel Vieira Lima was arrested after his fingerprints were found on bags containing more than BRL51 million (USD16.52 million) in cash.<sup>381</sup> The former minister had been placed under house arrest in July after being charged with obstruction of justice.<sup>382</sup> His offices were raided on 24 November 2017 by police investigating the discovery of several million USD found in an apartment used by a former minister in President Temer's cabinet.<sup>383</sup>

On 15 September 2017, Chief Prosecutor Rodrigo Janot charged President Temer with obstruction of justice and racketeering.<sup>384</sup> In this round of charges, President Temer is accused of accepting USD190 million in bribes from companies bidding for government contracts.<sup>385</sup> He is also charged with being the "leader of a criminal organization" that was comprised of senior members of his ruling Brazilian Democratic Movement Party.<sup>386</sup>

On 20 September 2017, Minister of Transportation, Ports and Civil Aviation Mauricio Quintella and Minister of Mines and Energy Fernando Coelho Filho met with foreign investors and shared recent changes to the Investment Partnership Programme (PPI) that aims to facilitate clearer and more competitive rules for investors.<sup>387</sup>

On 19 October 2017, a Brazilian congressional committee voted to reject the latest round of corruption charges against President Temer for obstruction of justice and racketeering.<sup>388</sup>

On 26 October 2017, the National Agency for Petroleum, Biofuels and Natural Gas (ANP) announced pre-salt auction rounds under the new PPI guidelines with a view to facilitating additional transparency between public-private partnerships.<sup>389</sup> Pre-salt layers are geological formations where petroleum deposits can be found.<sup>390</sup>

Brazil has taken action in administration by addressing the past bribing of food sanitation inspectors; in training and awareness by engaging in United States efforts to train Brazilian police; in coordination through announcing greater cross-agency collaboration against transnational crime; in

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<sup>381</sup> Brazil Police Arrest Ex-Minister Vieira Lima After Cash Seizure, Reuters (Brasilia) 8 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-brazil-corruption/brazil-police-arrest-ex-minister-vieira-lima-after-cash-seizure-idUSKCN1BJ2DW>.

<sup>382</sup> Brazil Police Arrest Ex-Minister Vieira Lima After Cash Seizure, Reuters (Brasilia) 8 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-brazil-corruption/brazil-police-arrest-ex-minister-vieira-lima-after-cash-seizure-idUSKCN1BJ2DW>.

<sup>383</sup> Brazil Police Raid Offices of Ruling Party Lawmaker, Latin American Herald Tribune (Brasilia) 24 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.laht.com/article.asp?CategoryId=14090&ArticleId=2444800>.

<sup>384</sup> Brazil President Michel Temer Faces More Criminal Charges, BBC News (Sao Paolo) 15 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-41275822>.

<sup>385</sup> Brazil President Michel Temer Faces More Criminal Charges, BBC News (Sao Paolo) 15 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-41275822>.

<sup>386</sup> Brazil President Michel Temer Faces More Criminal Charges, BBC News (Sao Paolo) 15 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-41275822>.

<sup>387</sup> Ministers Highlight Potential of PPI Projects, Presidency of the Republic of Brazil (Brasilia) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/09/ministers-highlight-potential-of-ppi-projects>.

<sup>388</sup> Brazil's President Temer escapes corruption charges in Congress committee BBC News UK Edition (London) 19 October 2017. Access Date: 7 December 2017. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-41675111>.

<sup>389</sup> Facts You Should Know About Pre-Salt, Presidency of the Republic of Brazil (Brasilia) 26 October 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/10/facts-you-should-know-about-pre-salt>.

<sup>390</sup> Pre-Salt (Rio de Janeiro) 2008. Access Date: 18 December 2017. <http://www.petrobras.com.br/en/our-activities/performance-areas/oil-and-gas-exploration-and-production/pre-salt/>.

monitoring and transparency by arresting senior government officials and implementing clearer rules surrounding investment in the PPI; and in international cooperation through reaffirming participation in the BRICS Anti-Corruption Working Group. These actions fulfill five of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of +1.

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### **Canada: +1**

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 18 October 2017, Minister of Foreign Affairs Chrystia Freeland adopted the Justice for Victims of Corrupt Foreign Acts and amendments to the Special Economic Measures Act (SEMA).<sup>391</sup> These acts enable the government to take new actions such as asset freezes and travel bans on perpetrators and accomplices, and economic sanctions on foreign states, in response to cases of human rights violations and major acts of corruptions abroad.<sup>392</sup>

On 20 October 2017, the Government of Canada made changes to the appointments process for federal judges.<sup>393</sup> It began reconstituting all Judicial Advisory Committees (JACs) to make them more representative of Canadian diversity.<sup>394</sup> A public application process for the Public Representative positions was launched, and diversity and unconscious bias training was implemented.<sup>395</sup>

On 30 October 2017, the Government of Canada repealed the facilitation payment exception in the Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act.<sup>396</sup> This repeal criminalizes the act of facilitation payments to foreign government officials to speed up routine transactions like permits, for example.<sup>397</sup>

On 7 November 2017, Canadian Senior Deputy Commissioner of Competition Matthew Boswell delivered a speech to public servants on “bid-rigging detection and prevention: ensuring a competitive and innovative procurement process.”<sup>398</sup> Highlighting the harm of bid-rigging in public

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<sup>391</sup> Canada Adopts Justice for Victims of Corrupt Foreign Officials Act, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 18 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. [https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/10/canada\\_adopts\\_justiceforvictimsofcorruptforeignofficialsact0.html](https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/10/canada_adopts_justiceforvictimsofcorruptforeignofficialsact0.html).

<sup>392</sup> Canada Adopts Justice for Victims of Corrupt Foreign Officials Act, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 18 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. [https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/10/canada\\_adopts\\_justiceforvictimsofcorruptforeignofficialsact0.html](https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/10/canada_adopts_justiceforvictimsofcorruptforeignofficialsact0.html).

<sup>393</sup> Changes to the Appointments Process for Federal Judges, Department of Justice (Ottawa) 20 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/csj-sjc/scapq-pncsq.html>.

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<sup>396</sup> Canada Repeals Facilitation Payments Exception in Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. [https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/10/canada\\_repeals\\_facilitationpaymentsexceptionincorruptionofforeig.html](https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/10/canada_repeals_facilitationpaymentsexceptionincorruptionofforeig.html).

<sup>397</sup> Canada Repeals Facilitation Payments Exception in Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. [https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/10/canada\\_repeals\\_facilitationpaymentsexceptionincorruptionofforeig.html](https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/10/canada_repeals_facilitationpaymentsexceptionincorruptionofforeig.html).

<sup>398</sup> Bid-rigging Detection and Prevention: Ensuring a Competitive and Innovative Procurement Process (Ottawa) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. [https://www.canada.ca/en/competition-bureau/news/2017/11/bid-rigging\\_detectionandpreventionensuringacompetitiveandinnovat.html](https://www.canada.ca/en/competition-bureau/news/2017/11/bid-rigging_detectionandpreventionensuringacompetitiveandinnovat.html).

and private sectors, he explained this corrupt behavior in public procurement is proven to be harmful to taxpayers.<sup>399</sup>

On 16 November 2017, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) launched a free subscription service for Canadian taxpayers to stay updated on CRA enforcement activities.<sup>400</sup> Canadians who subscribe will be informed through notifications on convictions, the execution of searches, and the laying of criminal charges.<sup>401</sup> This service increases transparency of CRA enforcement activities and raises awareness of the consequences of tax fraud.<sup>402</sup>

On 20 November 2017, the Government of Canada announced the members of the non-partisan and independent selection committee for a new Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Commissioner.<sup>403</sup> This is part of the government's changes to make the selection process for all Governor-in-Council appointments more meritocratic and transparent.<sup>404</sup>

On 22 November 2017, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Revenue Kamal Khera presented the Taxpayers' Ombudsman 2016-17 Annual Report in the House of Commons.<sup>405</sup> The report examined systemic issues that affect a large number of Canadians or a segment of the population, as well as the CRA's procedures in warning taxpayers before taking legal action to collect unpaid taxes.<sup>406</sup> The report concluded that the Ombudsman made important efforts across Canada to educate taxpayers regarding their rights, raise awareness about services available, and explore prevalent service issues.<sup>407</sup>

On 23 November 2017, Minister of Finance Bill Morneau presented the 2017 Annual Report of the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC).<sup>408</sup> The report

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<sup>399</sup> Bid-rigging Detection and Prevention: Ensuring a Competitive and Innovative Procurement Process (Ottawa) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. [https://www.canada.ca/en/competition-bureau/news/2017/11/bid-rigging\\_detectionandpreventionensuringacompetitiveandinnovat.html](https://www.canada.ca/en/competition-bureau/news/2017/11/bid-rigging_detectionandpreventionensuringacompetitiveandinnovat.html).

<sup>400</sup> New Enforcement Notifications, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. [https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2017/11/new\\_enforcement\\_notifications.html](https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2017/11/new_enforcement_notifications.html).

<sup>401</sup> New Enforcement Notifications, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. [https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2017/11/new\\_enforcement\\_notifications.html](https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2017/11/new_enforcement_notifications.html).

<sup>402</sup> New Enforcement Notifications, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. [https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2017/11/new\\_enforcement\\_notifications.html](https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2017/11/new_enforcement_notifications.html).

<sup>403</sup> Government of Canada Announces Committee Members Involved in the Selection of New RCMP Commissioner, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. [https://www.canada.ca/en/public-safety-canada/news/2017/11/government\\_of\\_canadaannouncescommitteemembersinvolvedintheselect.html](https://www.canada.ca/en/public-safety-canada/news/2017/11/government_of_canadaannouncescommitteemembersinvolvedintheselect.html).

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<sup>405</sup> Taxpayers' Ombudsman 2016-2017 Annual Report Tabled in Parliament, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. [https://www.canada.ca/en/taxpayers-ombudsman/news/2017/11/taxpayers\\_ombudsman2016-2017annualreporttabledinparliament.html](https://www.canada.ca/en/taxpayers-ombudsman/news/2017/11/taxpayers_ombudsman2016-2017annualreporttabledinparliament.html).

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<sup>408</sup> Maximizing Results Through Collaboration, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 23 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. [https://www.canada.ca/en/financial-transactions-reports-analysis/news/2017/11/maximizing\\_resultsthroughcollaboration.html](https://www.canada.ca/en/financial-transactions-reports-analysis/news/2017/11/maximizing_resultsthroughcollaboration.html).

summarizes important operations and tasks conducted by the center in 2016-2017 that protect Canadians and the integrity of the Canadian financial system.<sup>409</sup> FINTRAC detects and limits opportunities for financial corruption in the public and private sector.<sup>410</sup>

On 14 December 2017, Minister of Defense Harjit Sajjan announced new Ministerial Directions for the Department of National Defense, Canadian Armed Forces, and Communications Security Establishment.<sup>411</sup> The directions are aimed to avoid complicity in mistreatment by foreign entities and to encourage transparency.<sup>412</sup>

On 15 December 2017, Minister of National Revenue Diane Lebovthillier announced changes to the Voluntary Disclosures Program (VDP) to ensure greater tax fairness.<sup>413</sup> The VDP is a way for taxpayers to correct errors in their taxes, though it has been used by wealthy individuals and corporations as a means to avoid consequences of their aggressive tax planning.<sup>414</sup> The changes planned to come into effect on 1 March 2018, include a Limited Program that offers limited relief to those evading tax payments, require payments as a condition for the program, cancel relief if the application is discovered to be incomplete because of misrepresentation, and eliminate the process of disclosures on a no-name basis.<sup>415</sup>

On 20 December 2017, Conflict of Interest Commissioner Mary Dawson concluded in a report that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau violated multiple conflict laws in accepting a family vacation at Bells Cay in December 2016.<sup>416</sup> The Prime Minister was blamed for taking a private aircraft organized by

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<sup>411</sup> Statement from Defence Minister Sajjan on Bringing Openness, Transparency, and Clarity to New Ministerial Directions, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 12 March 2018. [https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/news/2017/12/statement\\_from\\_defenceministersajjanonbringingopennesstransparen.html](https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/news/2017/12/statement_from_defenceministersajjanonbringingopennesstransparen.html).

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<sup>416</sup> Trudeau violated multiple conflict laws when he accepted family holiday to Aga Khan's island: ethics commissioner, Toronto Star (Toronto) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2017/12/20/trudeau-violated-conflict-of-interest-rules-with-vacation-to-aga-khans-island-ethics-commissioner-says.html>.

Aga Khan's staff with his family despite knowing the extent of the federal government's official dealings with Aga Khan.<sup>417</sup>

On 8 January 2018, Minister Lebouhiller announced the launch of new telephone filing system called "File my Return."<sup>418</sup> The new tax filing system will be eligible to 950,000 Canadians with low income or a fixed income that remains unchanged year-to-year.<sup>419</sup> The system processes income tax and benefit returns by asking a series of short questions and requesting the disclosure of some personal information.<sup>420</sup>

On 27 January 2018, the Governments of Canada, the United States, and Mexico concluded the chapter on anti-corruption in the North American Free Trade Agreement Talks (NAFTA) talks.<sup>421</sup> The three countries agreed on anti-corruption measures such as increasing transparency in their laws, encouraging due process in legal cases, and promoting integrity among public officials.<sup>422</sup>

Canada has taken action in administration by making changes to the Voluntary Disclosures Program and launching the "File my Return" program; in human resources by making the appointment process for judges more reflective of the Canadian population and making Governor-in-Council appointments more transparent; in training and awareness through new Ministerial Directions by the Minister of Defence; in monitoring and transparency by launching a subscription service detailing CRA enforcement activities; and in international cooperation by adopting the Justice for Victims of Corrupt Foreign Acts and amending older legislation to better combat international corruption, criminalizing facilitation payments made to foreign officials abroad, and strengthening anti-corruption measures in the renegotiated NAFTA deal. These actions fulfil five of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

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### **China: +1**

China has fully complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

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<sup>417</sup> Trudeau violated multiple conflict laws when he accepted family holiday to Aga Khan's island: ethics commissioner, Toronto Star (Toronto) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2017/12/20/trudeau-violated-conflict-of-interest-rules-with-vacation-to-aga-khans-island-ethics-commissioner-says.html>.

<sup>418</sup> Minister Lebouhiller announces improvements to tax filing services for Canadians, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 8 January 2018. Access Date: 12 March 2018. [https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2018/01/minister\\_lebouhillerannouncesimprovementstotaxfilingservicesfo.html](https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2018/01/minister_lebouhillerannouncesimprovementstotaxfilingservicesfo.html).

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<sup>421</sup> Nafta Said to Gain Steam With Agreement on Anti-Corruption Moves, Bloomberg (London) 28 January 2018. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-01-27/nafta-said-to-gain-steam-with-agreement-on-anti-corruption-moves>.

<sup>422</sup> Nafta Said to Gain Steam With Agreement on Anti-Corruption Moves, Bloomberg (London) 28 January 2018. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-01-27/nafta-said-to-gain-steam-with-agreement-on-anti-corruption-moves>.



On 4 September 2017, China hosted the ninth annual Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS) Summit in Xiamen, China.<sup>423</sup> As a part of the summit, these countries affirmed their cooperation in fighting corruption, namely through participation in the BRICS Anti-Corruption Working Group.<sup>424</sup>

On 12 September 2017, the website of the Central Committee for Discipline Inspection (CCDI) of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the state-run media China Central Television released a TV documentary “The Sword of Inspection” revealing stories of President Xi Jinping’s anti-corruption campaign that launched in 2012 and exposing details on how corrupt officials are brought to justice by the country’s graft watchdog.<sup>425</sup>

On 18 September 2017, as part of a frugality and anti-corruption campaign, 5,149 officials were punished by the top anti-graft body of the CPC for violating party austerity rules, including giving or accepting gifts, awarding unauthorized bonuses, and misusing public vehicles.<sup>426</sup>

On 6 November 2017, President Xi’s “war on graft” was furthered through the release of the first public draft of a law giving a nascent super-ministry powers to detain, investigate, and punish public servants.<sup>427</sup> The creation of this National Supervision Commission will expand the power of the existing anti-graft body and will be empowered to investigate, interrogate, and detain government employees.<sup>428</sup>

On 6 November 2017, at the Conference of the States Parties to the UN Convention against Corruption, Assistant Foreign Minister Qian Hongshan called for deeper international cooperation in anti-corruption efforts, and pushed for the development of a reference guideline document for states formulating a legal instrument dedicated to asset recovery.<sup>429</sup> China has increased efforts to detain individuals suspected of corruption who have fled overseas and has recovered over CNY9 billion in assets according to a report released in June 2017.<sup>430</sup>

On 11 November 2017, Secretary of the CCDI Zhao Leji announced new anti-corruption supervision commissions to be subjected to the centralized and unified leadership of the Party.<sup>431</sup>

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<sup>423</sup> BRICS Leaders Xiamen Declaration, BRICS Information Centre (Xiamen) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.brics.utoronto.ca/docs/170904-xiamen.html>.

<sup>424</sup> BRICS Leaders Xiamen Declaration, BRICS Information Centre (Xiamen) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.brics.utoronto.ca/docs/170904-xiamen.html>.

<sup>425</sup> China Focus: TV Documentary Exposes Untold Stories of Anti-Corruption Campaign, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 12 September 2017. Access Date: 14 November 2017. [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-09/12/c\\_136604381.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-09/12/c_136604381.htm).

<sup>426</sup> China Punishes 5,419 Officials in Frugality Campaign, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 14 November 2017. [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-09/18/c\\_136619038.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-09/18/c_136619038.htm).

<sup>427</sup> China Releases Draft Law to Expand Power of New Anti-Graft Body, Reuters (Beijing) 6 November 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-china-corruption/china-releases-draft-law-to-expand-power-of-new-anti-graft-body-idUSKBN1D619S>.

<sup>428</sup> China Releases Draft Law to Expand Power of New Anti-Graft Body, Reuters (Beijing) 6 November 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-china-corruption/china-releases-draft-law-to-expand-power-of-new-anti-graft-body-idUSKBN1D619S>.

<sup>429</sup> China Calls for Asset Recovery Guidelines in Global Anti-Corruption Efforts, The State Council (Beijing) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. [http://english.gov.cn/news/top\\_news/2017/11/07/content\\_281475934616598.htm](http://english.gov.cn/news/top_news/2017/11/07/content_281475934616598.htm).

<sup>430</sup> China Calls for Asset Recovery Guidelines in Global Anti-Corruption Efforts, The State Council (Beijing) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. [http://english.gov.cn/news/top\\_news/2017/11/07/content\\_281475934616598.htm](http://english.gov.cn/news/top_news/2017/11/07/content_281475934616598.htm).

<sup>431</sup> China Starts Extending Supervisory System Reform to Nationwide, Xinhuanet (Taiyuan) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-11/11/c\\_136745245.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-11/11/c_136745245.htm).

Secretary Zhao declared that party committees and discipline agencies should recognize the importance of the reform as an active measure to implement strict governance in order to be more resilient against corruption.<sup>432</sup> These new commissions will incorporate existing supervisory, corruption prevention, and control agencies within the government.<sup>433</sup>

On 30 November 2017, the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee passed a regulation to promote transparency in party affairs.<sup>434</sup> President Xi and the general secretary of the CPC emphasized the necessity to promote transparency in party affairs as part of the “spirit” of the 19th National Congress, embodying President Xi’s new guiding ideology of socialism.<sup>435</sup> The regulation will advance strict party governance and strengthen intra-party supervision.<sup>436</sup>

On 4 December 2017, China’s central authorities called to set up supervisory commissions on village affairs to curb corruption, promote stability, and improve governance in villages.<sup>437</sup> The commissions will be made up of three to five peoples who specialize in management and accounting and will be elected by the villager’s assembly.<sup>438</sup> Their duties include supervising village affairs and financial management, ensuring fair decision making processes that are in accordance with standard procedures, and overseeing poverty alleviation funds.<sup>439</sup>

On 9 December 2017, the CPC launched its first training session for provincial and ministerial officials aiming to help leading officials better implement President Xi’s vision for the CPC and the anti-corruption spirit of the 19th CPC National Congress.<sup>440</sup> The training sessions will allow senior officials to gain a systematic understanding of the Congress spirit to better advance reform since provincial and ministerial officials play a key role in the country’s governance and the enforcement of policies.<sup>441</sup>

On 22 December 2017, the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress (NPC) received a draft from China’s top legislature on international criminal judicial assistance, which will promote international cooperation in hunting fugitives and recovering assets through intelligence gathering and investigations.<sup>442</sup> Chairperson of the NPC Foreign Affairs Committee Fu Ying emphasized the

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<sup>432</sup> China Starts Extending Supervisory System Reform to Nationwide, Xinhuanet (Taiyuan) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-11/11/c\\_136745245.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-11/11/c_136745245.htm).

<sup>433</sup> China Starts Extending Supervisory System Reform to Nationwide, Xinhuanet (Taiyuan) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-11/11/c\\_136745245.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-11/11/c_136745245.htm).

<sup>434</sup> CPC to Promote Transparency in Party Affairs, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-11/30/c\\_136790903.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-11/30/c_136790903.htm).

<sup>435</sup> CPC to Promote Transparency in Party Affairs, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-11/30/c\\_136790903.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-11/30/c_136790903.htm).

<sup>436</sup> CPC to Promote Transparency in Party Affairs, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-11/30/c\\_136790903.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-11/30/c_136790903.htm).

<sup>437</sup> China to Enhance Supervision of Village Affairs, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/04/c\\_136799965.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/04/c_136799965.htm).

<sup>438</sup> China to Enhance Supervision of Village Affairs, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/04/c\\_136799965.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/04/c_136799965.htm).

<sup>439</sup> China to Enhance Supervision of Village Affairs, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/04/c\\_136799965.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/04/c_136799965.htm).

<sup>440</sup> Intensive CPC Training Program to Improve Governance in New Era, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 9 December 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/09/c\\_136813602.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/09/c_136813602.htm).

<sup>441</sup> Intensive CPC Training Program to Improve Governance in New Era, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 9 December 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/09/c\\_136813602.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/09/c_136813602.htm).

<sup>442</sup> Draft Law Highlights International Cooperation in Hunting Corrupt Fugitives, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. [http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/22/c\\_136846180.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/22/c_136846180.htm).

importance of cooperation between China and other countries in fighting transnational crime and hunting for corrupt fugitives.<sup>443</sup>

On 25 December 2017, the CPC Central Committee publicly announced a regulation to promote transparency in party affairs.<sup>444</sup> Transparency in party affairs entails firmly upholding full and strict governance and improving the party's ability to govern and lead.<sup>445</sup> This will contribute to recognizing behaviours of integrity among officials. According to the regulation, party organizations are required to disclose affairs concerning party leadership among CPC members.<sup>446</sup> Additionally, plans on local economic and social development, major reform events, responses to major emergencies, CPC theories, principles, and policies, speeches by President Xi, and the appointment and removal of officials should all be publicized.<sup>447</sup>

On 31 January 2018, the CCDI named several low-ranking officials implicated in the abuse of poverty relief funds.<sup>448</sup> Eight cases were investigated and involved bribe-taking, embezzlement of poverty relief funds, and fraudulently obtaining subsistence allowance.<sup>449</sup> The CPC issued a statement ordering harsher punishments for corrupt officials who interfere with China's goal of poverty alleviation.<sup>450</sup>

On 4 February 2018, China's National Supervision Commission introduced new "weapons" to enhance supervision, including the seizure of assets.<sup>451</sup> Other "weapons" include interrogation, inquiries, acquisitions, searches, inspections, and examinations.<sup>452</sup> China's supervision power "has been legalized, regulated, and institutionalized, and is based on better power disposition."<sup>453</sup>

On 12 February 2018, the CCDI reported that leaders of the supervision commissions in 31 Chinese provinces have thus far been elected in accordance with legal procedure.<sup>454</sup> The new supervision

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<sup>443</sup> Draft Law Highlights International Cooperation in Hunting Corrupt Fugitives, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. [http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/22/c\\_136846180.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/22/c_136846180.htm).

<sup>444</sup> CPC Unveils Regulation to Promote Transparency in Party Affairs, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 25 December 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. [http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/25/c\\_136851503.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/25/c_136851503.htm).

<sup>445</sup> CPC Unveils Regulation to Promote Transparency in Party Affairs, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 25 December 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. [http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/25/c\\_136851503.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/25/c_136851503.htm).

<sup>446</sup> CPC Unveils Regulation to Promote Transparency in Party Affairs, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 25 December 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. [http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/25/c\\_136851503.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/25/c_136851503.htm).

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<sup>448</sup> China's Graft Watchdog Exposes Corruption in Poverty Relief, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 31 January 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. [http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/31/c\\_136939739.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/31/c_136939739.htm).

<sup>449</sup> China's Graft Watchdog Exposes Corruption in Poverty Relief, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 31 January 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. [http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/31/c\\_136939739.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/31/c_136939739.htm).

<sup>450</sup> China's Graft Watchdog Exposes Corruption in Poverty Relief, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 31 January 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. [http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/31/c\\_136939739.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/31/c_136939739.htm).

<sup>451</sup> 12 Graft-Busing "Weapons" to Arm National Supervision Commission, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 4 February 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. [http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/04/c\\_136948773.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/04/c_136948773.htm).

<sup>452</sup> 12 Graft-Busing "Weapons" to Arm National Supervision Commission, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 4 February 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. [http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/04/c\\_136948773.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/04/c_136948773.htm).

<sup>453</sup> 12 Graft-Busing "Weapons" to Arm National Supervision Commission, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 4 February 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. [http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/04/c\\_136948773.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/04/c_136948773.htm).

<sup>454</sup> Leaders of Provincial Supervision Commissions Elected, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 12 February 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. [http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/12/c\\_136969684.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/12/c_136969684.htm).

commissions will share offices with discipline inspection commissions to supervise those exercising public powers and have the duties of supervision, investigation, and punishment.<sup>455</sup>

On 24 February 2018, the CCDI reported that all 15 discipline inspection teams have been sent to 30 provincial-level regions, ministry-level agencies, and state-owned enterprises to mark the start of the first round of inspections conducted by the 19th CPC Committee.<sup>456</sup> According to the CCDI, more than 50 per cent of investigations into centrally-administered officials were a result of information discovered by discipline inspectors.<sup>457</sup>

China has taken action in human resources by promoting transparency in CPC and recognizing integrity among officials; in training and awareness by producing media helping the public understand state anti-corruption efforts and running workshops for senior officials to understand the government's priorities; in monitoring and transparency by disciplining corrupt officials, introducing measures to improve transparency within the CPC, introducing new "weapons" to enhance supervision, and deploying CCDI officials to public enterprises across China; in coordination by establishing the National Supervision Commission, new anti-corruption supervision commissions, and improved anti-corruption institutions in village government; and in international cooperation by improving legislation on international criminal judicial assistance and participating in the BRICS Anti-Corruption Working Group. These actions fulfill five of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, China receives a score of +1.

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#### **France: +1**

France has fully complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 20 July 2017, the National Cashless Payments Committee, established by the French Central Bank, published its first activity report.<sup>458</sup> In this they outlined their priorities and the actions they took to promote the use of innovative, secure and efficient electronic payment instruments.<sup>459</sup> The efforts have focused on three main axes: diversifying the range of payment methods available in the public sector, encouraging businesses to use Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA) electronic payments (a payment-integration initiative of the European Union), and encouraging the general public to

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<sup>455</sup> Leaders of Provincial Supervision Commissions Elected, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 12 February 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. [http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/12/c\\_136969684.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/12/c_136969684.htm).

<sup>456</sup> China Starts New Round of Discipline Inspections, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 24 February 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. [http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/24/c\\_136997263.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/24/c_136997263.htm).

<sup>457</sup> China Starts New Round of Discipline Inspections, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 24 February 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. [http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/24/c\\_136997263.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/24/c_136997263.htm).

<sup>458</sup> The National Cashless Payments Committee publishes its first activity report, Banque de France 20 July 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018 <https://www.banque-france.fr/en/communique-de-presse/national-cashless-payments-committee-publishes-its-first-activity-report>.

<sup>459</sup> The National Cashless Payments Committee publishes its first activity report, Banque de France 20 July 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018 <https://www.banque-france.fr/en/communique-de-presse/national-cashless-payments-committee-publishes-its-first-activity-report>.

adopt fast, secure and accessible electronic payment methods, including for small value transactions.<sup>460</sup>

On 19 September 2017, President Emmanuel Macron called on the members of the UN to strengthen their transparency in the management of public services.<sup>461</sup> He also stressed the application of open government principles for the implementation of public services.<sup>462</sup>

On 2 October 2017, the General Directorate of Public Finances (DGFip) and President Macron's Etalab mission for open data, published the records of the computerized cadastral plan, which is a map that shows the boundaries and ownership of land parcels in France.<sup>463</sup> It consisted of approximately 600,000 sheets, each representing a section or part of a cadastral section.<sup>464</sup> The database includes data on the parcels and rights of way of buildings in over 32,800 French municipalities.<sup>465</sup>

On 6 November 2017, in the 7th Session of the Conference of the States Parties to the UN Convention against Corruption, France, Morocco and the UN Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC) organized a joint side event dedicated to the practical implementation of the Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption and the creation of robust frameworks and structures against corruption.<sup>466</sup>

As of 6 November 2017, President Macron requires Members of Parliament publish their expenses relating to purchases using their state-given allowance.<sup>467</sup> This was taken further on the 29th of November when the office of the National Assembly decided on a framework for the allowance received by each deputy and senator in France to cover their expenses of representation, also known as the IRFM.<sup>468</sup> They imposed a fixed list of eligible expenses (permanent rentals, communication, transport, etc.) as well as what are considered unauthorized expenses (any funding, direct or indirect,

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<sup>460</sup> The National Cashless Payments Committee publishes its first activity report, Banque de France 20 July 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018 <https://www.banque-france.fr/en/communique-de-presse/national-cashless-payments-committee-publishes-its-first-activity-report>.

<sup>461</sup> Press: At the UN, the President of the Republic passes the co-presidency of the PGO and renews the French commitment to democratic innovation, Etalab (Paris) 22 September 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2017. <https://www.etalab.gouv.fr/a-lonu-le-president-de-la-republique-passe-le-relais-de-la-co-presidence-du-pgo-et-renouvele-lengagement-francais-envers-linnovation-democratique>.

<sup>462</sup> Press: At the UN, the President of the Republic passes the co-presidency of the PGO and renews the French commitment to democratic innovation, Etalab (Paris) 22 September 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2017. <https://www.etalab.gouv.fr/a-lonu-le-president-de-la-republique-passe-le-relais-de-la-co-presidence-du-pgo-et-renouvele-lengagement-francais-envers-linnovation-democratique>.

<sup>463</sup> Press: Computerized Cadastral Plan (PCI), Etalab (Paris) 27 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. [https://www.data.gouv.fr/en/datasets/plan-cadastral-informatise-pci/#\\_](https://www.data.gouv.fr/en/datasets/plan-cadastral-informatise-pci/#_).

<sup>464</sup> Press: Computerized Cadastral Plan (PCI), Etalab (Paris) 27 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. [https://www.data.gouv.fr/en/datasets/plan-cadastral-informatise-pci/#\\_](https://www.data.gouv.fr/en/datasets/plan-cadastral-informatise-pci/#_).

<sup>465</sup> Press: Public service data, Etalab (Paris) 2 October 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.etalab.gouv.fr/service-public-de-la-donnee-les-donnees-du-cadastre-sont-maintenant-disponibles-sur-data-gouv-fr>.

<sup>466</sup> Press: 7th Conference of States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, Permanent Mission of France (Vienna) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018 <https://onu-vienne.delegfrance.org/7th-Session-of-the-Conference-of-the-States-Parties-to-the-United-Nations>.

<sup>467</sup> Macron tells MPs to justify expenses, The Times (Paris) 6 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018 <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/no-more-high-life-for-french-mps-with-president-macron-jbfffz6q5m>.

<sup>468</sup> MEPs validate new rules for their mandate costs, Acteurs publics (Paris) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.acteurspublics.com/2017/11/29/les-deputes-valident-de-nouvelles-regles-pour-leurs-frais-de-mandat>.

of a political party; the purchase of real estate or the rental of real estate property owned by the Member or his family; any expenditure deducted from taxable income).<sup>469</sup>

On 17 November 2017, Chief Executive Officer of Open Government Partnership Sanjay Pradhan, informed Minister of State for the Digital Sector Mounir Mahjoubi that France had not complied with the OGP Articles of Governance by missing its deadline by over four months.<sup>470</sup> The OGP Articles of Governance states that all participating countries are expected to make concrete commitments, as part of a country action plan, that are ambitious and go beyond a country's current practice.<sup>471</sup>

On 19 December 2017, Head of the Anti-Corruption Agency (AFA) Charles Duchaine said he believes that France “does not have means of investigation against corruption” due to it being understaffed and underfunded.<sup>472</sup> He argued that the organization only employs 70 people with a budget of EUR10 to EUR15 million; in comparison, the equivalent of his agency in Italy employs 300 people for an annual budget of EUR60 million.<sup>473</sup>

On 22 December 2017, the AFA released formal guidelines to help public and private sector entities prevent and detect different forms of corruption.<sup>474</sup> These guidelines, although non-binding, are closely monitored by the AFA and are inspired by international standards such as those incorporated by the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the United Kingdom's Bribery Act.<sup>475</sup> The guidelines also provide clarification on the measures that relevant organizations should implement in order to comply with the new compliance duty.<sup>476</sup>

France has taken action in administration by promoting the use of secure digital payments for public sector payments; in training and awareness and international cooperation by co-hosting a forum on implementing the Marrakech declaration; in human resources through establishing the IRFM to monitor representation expenses; and in monitoring and transparency through releasing the computerized cadastral plan and new AFA anti-corruption guidelines. These actions fulfill five of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

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<sup>469</sup> MEPs validate new rules for their mandate costs, Acteurs publics (Paris) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.acteurspublics.com/2017/11/29/les-deputes-valident-de-nouvelles-regles-pour-leurs-frais-de-mandat>.

<sup>470</sup> Document: OGP Letter — France, Open Government Partnership (Paris) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.opengovpartnership.org/documents/ogp-letter-france-november-2017>.

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<sup>472</sup> Why does corruption still exist in France?, Le Journal du Dimanche (Paris) 19 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://www.lejdd.fr/politique/pourquoi-la-corruption-existe-t-elle-toujours-en-france-3525728>.

<sup>473</sup> Why does corruption still exist in France?, Le Journal du Dimanche (Paris) 19 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://www.lejdd.fr/politique/pourquoi-la-corruption-existe-t-elle-toujours-en-france-3525728>.

<sup>474</sup> French anti-corruption agency provides guidance on Sapin II compliance, Lexology 23 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=d9d485e0-48e8-45ca-9e3b-1b1b443f2415>.

<sup>475</sup> French anti-corruption agency provides guidance on Sapin II compliance, Lexology 23 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=d9d485e0-48e8-45ca-9e3b-1b1b443f2415>.

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**Germany: -1**

Germany has failed to comply with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 26 February 2018, the Council of Europe published a report recommending Germany address seven outstanding issues regarding transparency in campaign financing, including lowering the threshold for requiring disclosure of a political donation.<sup>477</sup> The Group of States Against Corruption also recommended that Germany ban anonymous donations to political parties.<sup>478</sup>

On 15 March 2016, Minister of Health Jens Spahn announced his intention to digitalize the public health system during his tenure.<sup>479</sup> Similarly, Minister of Transportation and Digital Infrastructure Andreas Scheuer expressed his wish to digitalize infrastructure in efforts to “create better and fairer living conditions for the country.”<sup>480</sup> Additionally, Minister of Education and Research Anja Karliczek proposed that she would “attach new importance especially to digital teaching facilities.”<sup>481</sup> Despite these announcements, there have been no specific proposals towards the digitalization of public administration.

Germany has taken no actions towards its commitment against corruption.

Thus, Germany receives a score of -1.

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**India: 0**

India has partially complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 31 July 2017, the Indian government requested that each ministry prepare files on employees containing any complaints, enquiries, and service records by August 5.<sup>482</sup> This move is meant to identify corrupt government officials so the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) and Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) can engage in a crackdown.<sup>483</sup>

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<sup>477</sup> Germany's Campaign Financing Not Transparent Enough, Report Finds, Deutsche Welle (Bonn) 26 February 2018. Access Date: 6 March 2018. <http://www.dw.com/en/germanys-campaign-financing-not-transparent-enough-report-finds/a-42737958>.

<sup>478</sup> Germany's Campaign Financing Not Transparent Enough, Report Finds, Deutsche Welle (Bonn) 26 February 2018. Access Date: 6 March 2018. <http://www.dw.com/en/germanys-campaign-financing-not-transparent-enough-report-finds/a-42737958>.

<sup>479</sup> Germany's new gov't eyes digitalization, Xinhua (Berlin) 16 March 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. [http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-03/16/c\\_137042145.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-03/16/c_137042145.htm).

<sup>480</sup> Germany's new gov't eyes digitalization, Xinhua (Berlin) 16 March 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. [http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-03/16/c\\_137042145.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-03/16/c_137042145.htm).

<sup>481</sup> Germany's new gov't eyes digitalization, Xinhua (Berlin) 16 March 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. [http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-03/16/c\\_137042145.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-03/16/c_137042145.htm).

<sup>482</sup> Modi gov't prepares list of corrupt officials, plans crackdown from August 15, International Business Times (New Delhi) 31 July 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.ibtimes.co.in/modi-govt-prepares-list-corrupt-officials-plans-crackdown-august-15-736677>.

<sup>483</sup> Modi gov't prepares list of corrupt officials, plans crackdown from August 15, International Business Times (New Delhi) 31 July 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.ibtimes.co.in/modi-govt-prepares-list-corrupt-officials-plans-crackdown-august-15-736677>.

On 4 September 2017, India took part in the ninth annual Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS) Summit in Xiamen, China.<sup>484</sup> As a part of the summit, these countries affirmed their cooperation in fighting corruption, namely through participation in the BRICS Anti-Corruption Working Group.<sup>485</sup>

On 8 September 2017, the CVC released Vigilance Manual 2017, a seventh-edition document detailing new procedures aiming to increase the efficacy of investigations.<sup>486</sup> Specifically, the CBI will now be able to engage in joint surprise checks of corrupt officials with the CVC.<sup>487</sup>

On 25 October 2017, the CVC announced a pilot project called the Integrity Index.<sup>488</sup> To be launched by January 2018, this tool will start by examining the performance and internal processes of 25 governmental departments and ministries, as well as public organizations.<sup>489</sup> The project intends to assess public perceptions of integrity as a preemptive and prohibitive measure against corruption.<sup>490</sup>

On 30 October 2017, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Italian Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni confirmed their commitment to making the public and private sectors more transparent through bilateral cooperation and assistance while continuing to implement the G20 Anti-Corruption Action Plan of 2017-18.<sup>491</sup>

On 23 November 2017, Prime Minister Modi announced the launch of the Unified Mobile Application for New-Age Governance (UMANG) during the fifth annual Global Conference on Cyber Space (GCCS).<sup>492</sup> The app provides a platform for the use of central and local government

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<sup>484</sup> BRICS Leaders Xiamen Declaration, BRICS Information Centre (Xiamen) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.brics.utoronto.ca/docs/170904-xiamen.html>.

<sup>485</sup> BRICS Leaders Xiamen Declaration, BRICS Information Centre (Xiamen) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.brics.utoronto.ca/docs/170904-xiamen.html>.

<sup>486</sup> To check corruption, conduct joint surprise checks: CVC to CBI, The Times of India (New Delhi) 8 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/to-check-corruption-conduct-joint-surprise-checks-cvc-to-cbi/articleshow/60422269.cms>.

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<sup>488</sup> Central Vigilance Commission to rank government departments on anti-corruption measures, The Economic Times (New Delhi) 25 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/central-vigilance-commission-to-rank-government-departments-on-anti-corruption-measures/articleshow/61220144.cms>.

<sup>489</sup> CVC may roll out Integrity Index by January next year, The Economic Times (New Delhi) 3 November 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/cvc-may-roll-out-integrity-index-by-january-next-year/articleshow/61487111.cms>.

<sup>490</sup> CVC may roll out Integrity Index by January next year, The Economic Times (New Delhi) 3 November 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/cvc-may-roll-out-integrity-index-by-january-next-year/articleshow/61487111.cms>.

<sup>491</sup> India-Italy Joint Statement during the visit of Prime Minister of Italy to India (October 30, 2017), Ministry of External Affairs (New Delhi) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.mea.gov.in/bilateral-documents.htm?dtl/29068/indiaitaly+joint+statement+during+the+visit+of+prime+minister+of+italy+to+india+october+30+2017>.

<sup>492</sup> Coordination among security agencies essential to counter cyber threats: Modi, The Economic Times (New Delhi) 23 November 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/jam-trinity-have-greatly-helped-reduce-corruption-bring-transparency-pm-modi/articleshow/61763719.cms>.



services (like managing finances, employment, and public grievances) by citizens, thereby better regulating these processes for corruption.<sup>493</sup>

On 29 November 2017, Chairman of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) RS Sharma expressed the organization's support for net neutrality.<sup>494</sup> This position prioritizes fair and equal access to internet for the public over the interests of the market.<sup>495</sup>

On 5 December 2017, Prime Minister Modi's ruling party revealed plans for an overhaul of the tax assessment system, involving digitization to reduce the length of the process and variation in returns caused by employee discretion.<sup>496</sup> The Indian government intends to use the new system to more carefully assess India's top 500 companies for corrupt business practices after February 2018.<sup>497</sup>

On 6 January 2018, Leader of the Opposition Lalu Prasad Yadav was sentenced by a court to three-and-a-half years in prison for his involvement in a USD157 million fodder scam.<sup>498</sup> As a part of this scam, Yadav fraudulently withdrew USD140,000 from the state treasury on the pretense of getting fodder for the livestock of farmers in his constituency — a crime he has previously been convicted of in 2013.<sup>499</sup>

On 23 February 2018, Transparency International released its Corruption Perceptions Index, which ranks countries "according to perceived levels of public sector corruption according to experts and businesspeople."<sup>500</sup> On a scale of 0 (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean), India received a score of 40, leaving it ranked 81st out of 180 countries.<sup>501</sup>

India has taken action in administration by launching the Integrity Index pilot project, UNAMG, and overhauling the tax assessment system; in human resources by identifying problematic employees to the CVC; in coordination by improving the efficacy of investigations through the Vigilance Manual

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<sup>493</sup> PM Modi announces Umang app: What is it, how it works and everything you should know, India Today (New Delhi) 23 November 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <http://indiatoday.intoday.in/technology/story/pm-modi-announces-umang-app-what-is-it-how-it-works-and-everything-you-should-know/1/1096136.html>.

<sup>494</sup> India's communications regulator endorses net neutrality, The Guardian (Delhi) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 6 January 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2017/nov/29/india-communications-regulator-endorses-net-neutrality-telecom-internet>.

<sup>495</sup> India's communications regulator endorses net neutrality, The Guardian (Delhi) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 6 January 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2017/nov/29/india-communications-regulator-endorses-net-neutrality-telecom-internet>.

<sup>496</sup> Top 500 companies in India likely to face electronic tax scrutiny: Report, International Business Times (New Delhi) 5 December 2017. Access Date: 6 January 2018. <http://www.ibtimes.co.in/top-500-companies-india-likely-face-electronic-tax-scrutiny-report-751939>.

<sup>497</sup> Top 500 companies in India likely to face electronic tax scrutiny: Report, International Business Times (New Delhi) 5 December 2017. Access Date: 6 January 2018. <http://www.ibtimes.co.in/top-500-companies-india-likely-face-electronic-tax-scrutiny-report-751939>.

<sup>498</sup> Top Indian politician jailed over corruption scam, The Jakarta Post (New Delhi) 6 January 2018. Access Date: 6 January 2018. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2018/01/06/top-indian-politician-jailed-over-corruption-scam.html>.

<sup>499</sup> Top Indian politician jailed over corruption scam, The Jakarta Post (New Delhi) 6 January 2018. Access Date: 6 January 2018. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2018/01/06/top-indian-politician-jailed-over-corruption-scam.html>.

<sup>500</sup> 'Perceived corruption' list ranks India at 81 among 180, The Indian Express (New Delhi) 23 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <http://indianexpress.com/article/india/perceived-corruption-list-ranks-india-81st-among-180-5074770/>.

<sup>501</sup> 'Perceived corruption' list ranks India at 81 among 180, The Indian Express (New Delhi) 23 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <http://indianexpress.com/article/india/perceived-corruption-list-ranks-india-81st-among-180-5074770/>.

2017; and in international cooperation by participating in the Xiamen BRICS summit and confirming its anti-corruption partnerships with Italy. These actions fulfil four of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, India receives a score of 0.

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### **Indonesia: +1**

Indonesia has fully complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 17 July 2017, the Corruption Eradication Committee (KPK) implicated Setya Novanto, former Head of the Legislative Assembly of the People's Representative Council, in a corruption scandal.<sup>502</sup> He is the fifth person to be questioned over his alleged involvement in skimming USD170 million from the USD440 million electronic identity card system in 2011.<sup>503</sup> A warrant for his arrest was issued on 15 November 2017.<sup>504</sup> His case is set to go to trial on 11 January 2018.<sup>505</sup>

On 19 July 2017, the KPK, Ministry of Health, and Social Insurance Administration Organization issued a joint statement outlining a proposed set of inter-agency guidelines on how to prevent, detect, and settle cases of healthcare fraud.<sup>506</sup>

On 31 August 2017, President Joko Widodo promised to build a centralized application system for business licenses by March 2018.<sup>507</sup> The current system varies by region and requires coordination between multiple agencies, so this move to create a one-step process would increase the government service's efficiency and transparency.<sup>508</sup>

On 9 October 2017, the KPK and Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced that Yemen and Ghana will be acting as reviewers for the second round of five-year reviews required to assess the Indonesian government's implementation of the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC).<sup>509</sup>

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<sup>502</sup> Indonesia's Parliament speaker Setya Novanto named suspect in corruption scandal, Hindustan Times (Jakarta) 17 July 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/indonesia-s-parliament-speaker-setya-novanto-named-suspect-in-corruption-scandal/story-6YXCKTUQRANTB1ZF3LO0YJ.html>.

<sup>503</sup> Indonesia's Parliament speaker Setya Novanto named suspect in corruption scandal, Hindustan Times (Jakarta) 17 July 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/indonesia-s-parliament-speaker-setya-novanto-named-suspect-in-corruption-scandal/story-6YXCKTUQRANTB1ZF3LO0YJ.html>.

<sup>504</sup> Top Indonesian politician embroiled in huge corruption case goes missing, The Guardian (Jakarta) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/nov/16/top-indonesian-politician-corruption-case-missing>.

<sup>505</sup> Court rejects Setya's demurrer, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 4 January 2018. Access Date: 6 January 2018. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2018/01/04/court-rejects-setyas-demurrer.html>.

<sup>506</sup> KPK-Kemenkes-BPJS Kesehatan Bentuk Tim Gabungan Berantas Kecurangan, Komisi Pemberantasan Korupsi (Jakarta), 19 July 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.kpk.go.id/id/berita/siaran-pers/4017-kpk-kemenkes-bpjs-kesehatan-bentuk-tim-gabungan-berantas-kecurangan>.

<sup>507</sup> Presidential Regulation to Cut Red Tape, Fast-Track Business Licensing, Jakarta Globe (Jakarta) 31 August 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://jakartaglobe.id/business/new-presidential-order-to-rule-all-business-licensing/>.

<sup>508</sup> Editorial: Redesigning Business Licensing, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 6 January 2018. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/academia/2017/09/06/editorial-redesigning-business-licensing.html>.

<sup>509</sup> KPK Jadikan Review UNCAC Momentum Menambal Celah, Komisi Pemberantasan Korupsi (Jakarta) 9 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.kpk.go.id/id/berita/siaran-pers/4085-kpk-jadikan-review-uncac-momentum-menambal-celah>.

On 8 November 2017, the KPK announced its plan to extend its Teacher Supercamp, a program to educate teachers in anti-corruption and produce educational materials for students about corruption, to madrasahs.<sup>510</sup> The madrasah school system is privately-run and focuses on providing instruction in and based on Islamic teachings.<sup>511</sup>

On 13 November 2017, Indonesia joined the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to take part in the twentieth annual ASEAN-China Summit in Manila, Philippines.<sup>512</sup> The summit affirmed the importance of transnational cooperation to preventing and combating corruption like money laundering.<sup>513</sup>

On 16 November 2017, the KPK established the Institute for Certification of Extension Agents, a “standardization of [the] anti-corruption counselor profession.”<sup>514</sup> The certification is meant to legitimize the work of existing officials while also drawing in new professionals to increase their knowledge of and competence in dealing with corruption.<sup>515</sup>

On 9 December 2017, the KPK and Australia Indonesia Partnership for Justice (AIJP) were awarded the 2017 Anti-Corruption Excellence Award for Youth Creativity and Engagement because of their Saya Perempuan Anti Korupsi (SPAK) program.<sup>516</sup> SPAK took a family-based approach to fighting corruption by using games to instill values like fairness and responsibility in children and by encouraging parents to teach their children to be honest.<sup>517</sup>

On 2 March 2018, criticism emerged over a new out-of-court settlement policy, which states that corruption cases can be terminated “if an alleged perpetrator is willing to return ... embezzled money

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<sup>510</sup> Mengasah Inovasi Antikorupsi lewat Madrasah, Komisi Pemberantasan Korupsi (Jakarta) 8 November 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.kpk.go.id/id/berita/berita-kpk-kegiatan/4108-mengasah-inovasi-antikorupsi-lewat-madrasah>.

<sup>511</sup> Mengasah Inovasi Antikorupsi lewat Madrasah, Komisi Pemberantasan Korupsi (Jakarta) 8 November 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.kpk.go.id/id/berita/berita-kpk-kegiatan/4108-mengasah-inovasi-antikorupsi-lewat-madrasah>.

<sup>512</sup> ASEAN-China Joint Statement on Comprehensively Strengthening Effective Anti-Corruption Cooperation, ASEAN (Manila) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://asean.org/storage/2017/11/ASEAN-China-Joint-Statement-on-Comprehensively-Strengthening-Effective-A-.pdf>.

<sup>513</sup> ASEAN-China Joint Statement on Comprehensively Strengthening Effective Anti-Corruption Cooperation, ASEAN (Manila) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://asean.org/storage/2017/11/ASEAN-China-Joint-Statement-on-Comprehensively-Strengthening-Effective-A-.pdf>.

<sup>514</sup> Lembaga Sertifikasi Penyuluh Antikorupsi Diresmikan, Komisi Pemberantasan Korupsi (Jakarta) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.kpk.go.id/id/berita/berita-kpk-kegiatan/4118-lembaga-sertifikasi-penyuluh-antikorupsi-diresmikan>.

<sup>515</sup> Lembaga Sertifikasi Penyuluh Antikorupsi Diresmikan, Komisi Pemberantasan Korupsi (Jakarta) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.kpk.go.id/id/berita/berita-kpk-kegiatan/4118-lembaga-sertifikasi-penyuluh-antikorupsi-diresmikan>.

<sup>516</sup> ‘Saya Perempuan Anti Korupsi’ Raih Penghargaan Internasional, CNN Indonesia (Jakarta) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 6 January 2018. <https://www.cnnindonesia.com/nasional/20171209173631-20-261334/saya-perempuan-anti-korupsi-raih-penghargaan-internasional>.

<sup>517</sup> ACE Award Winners 2017, Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al International Anti-Corruption Excellence Award (Doha), 2017. Access Date: 6 January 2018. <https://www.aceaward.com/en/pages/winners>.

to the authority,” for letting criminals go.<sup>518</sup> However, this policy is meant to cut back on the cost of investigations and is only meant to apply to misadministration, not crime.<sup>519</sup>

Indonesia has taken action in administration by introducing measures to combat healthcare fraud, centralizing the business license application system, and introducing the innovative SPAK program; in human resources by establishing the Institute for Certification of Extension Agent; in training and awareness by instituting the Teacher Supercamp; in monitoring and transparency by implicating Setya Novanto in a multi-million dollar corruption scandal; and in international cooperation by agreeing to have foreign observers assess the implementation of the UNCAC and affirming the importance of anti-corruption measures at its first ASEAN summit. These actions fulfil five of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of +1.

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### **Italy: 0**

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 15 November 2017, the Italian legislature passed a law aimed to protect whistleblowers.<sup>520</sup> The law extends protections in place for public sector employees such as protection from retribution to those employees of public companies, economic public entities, and private companies that provide goods and services to public bodies, provided that the whistleblower’s claims are not completely unfounded.<sup>521</sup>

On 31 January 2018, senior anti-corruption officials from Italy met with Indian anti-corruption officials to discuss “mutual cooperation in investigations” and more effective communication channels.<sup>522</sup>

On 14 February 2018, approximately 10 Members of Parliament from the Five Star Movement party were accused of having misspent portions of their government salaries that were supposed to go to charity, despite being a vehemently anti-corruption party.<sup>523</sup>

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<sup>518</sup> ICW slams out-of-court settlement policy for corruption cases, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 2 March 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2018/03/02/icw-slams-out-of-court-settlement-policy-for-corruption-cases.html>.

<sup>519</sup> ICW slams out-of-court settlement policy for corruption cases, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 2 March 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2018/03/02/icw-slams-out-of-court-settlement-policy-for-corruption-cases.html>.

<sup>520</sup> A Victory for Transparency International, Civil Society, and Whistleblowers in Italy, Transparency International (Berlin) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <https://voices.transparency.org/a-victory-for-transparency-international-civil-society-and-whistleblowers-in-italy-ef720f5d46ad>.

<sup>521</sup> At Last, A Whistleblowing Law Is Adopted in Italy, Osborne Clarke (London) 10 January 2018. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://www.osborneclarke.com/insights/at-last-a-whistleblowing-law-is-adopted-in-italy/>.

<sup>522</sup> Italian Anti-Corruption Officials to Meet Indian Counterparts, The Hindu (New Delhi) 31 January 2018. Access Date: 6 March 2018. <http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/italian-anti-corruption-officials-to-meet-indian-counterparts/article22613491.ece>.

<sup>523</sup> Italy's 'Anti-Corruption' Five Star Movement Embroiled in Money Scandal Over Missing 1 Million EUR, The Local Euro AB (Stockholm) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 05 March 2018. <https://www.thelocal.it/20180214/five-star-movement-italy-money-scandal-million-corruption>.

Italy has taken actions in coordination through the enhanced whistleblower protection legislation; and in international cooperation through the meeting with Indian anti-corruption officials. These actions fulfil two of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, Italy receives a score of 0.

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### **Japan: 0**

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 27 July 2017, the Department of Defence released findings from an investigation alleging that Minister of Defense Tomomi Inada hid sensitive defense documents regarding Japanese troops serving the UN peacekeeping mission in South Sudan.<sup>524</sup> There are concerns that Japan's Self Defence Force may have engaged in combat in South Sudan during a conflict that arose in the capital city of Juba and that these logs recorded this engagement.<sup>525</sup> Following the allegations of Inada hiding these documents, she resigned.<sup>526</sup>

On 31 July 2017, Yasunori Kagoike, head of the Moritomo Gakuen preschool, was arrested due to being suspected of illegally receiving subsidies from the Japanese Government.<sup>527</sup> He was also said to have corrupt ties with Akie Abe, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's wife.<sup>528</sup> Akie Abe was set to have become Moritomo Gakuen's 'honorary principal.'<sup>529</sup>

On 3 August 2017, Prime Minister Abe reshuffled his Cabinet with a goal to improve public opinion after recent government scandals, such as in the Ministries of Defence and of Finance.<sup>530</sup> Prime

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<sup>524</sup> Japan's defense minister and one-time rising political star resigns, CNN (New York) 28 July 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017. <http://www.cnn.com/2017/07/27/asia/tomomi-inada-japan-defense-minister/index.html>. Defense Minister Inada to resign amid allegations of a cover-up of SDF's South Sudan mission logs, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 27 July 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2017/07/27/national/politics-diplomacy/g sdf-chief-expected-resign-peacekeeper-data-coverup-allegations/#.Wh5On0qnHIU>.

<sup>525</sup> Editorial: Inada must clarify involvement regarding hidden SDF logs, The Mainichi (Tokyo) 20 July 2017. Access Date: 16 January 2018. <https://mainichi.jp/english/articles/20170720/p2a/00m/0na/012000c>.

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<sup>527</sup> Japan arrests former head of school operator with ties to PM Abe's wife: media, Reuters (London) 31 July 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-japan-politics/japan-arrests-former-head-of-school-operator-with-ties-to-pm-abes-wife-media-idUSKBN1AG1JD>.

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<sup>529</sup> Japan arrests former head of school operator with ties to PM Abe's wife: media, Reuters (London) 31 July 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-japan-politics/japan-arrests-former-head-of-school-operator-with-ties-to-pm-abes-wife-media-idUSKBN1AG1JD>.

<sup>530</sup> Abe looks for rebound with make-or-break Cabinet reshuffle, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 3 August 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2017/08/03/national/politics-diplomacy/abe-poised-reshuffle-cabinet-support-slides-tap-kono-top-envoy/#.Wh5LrkqnHIU>.

Minister Abe stated that “[the Cabinet] would like to take steps — one by one — toward reviving the public trust.”<sup>531</sup>

On 1 September 2017, Japan hosted a five-day ‘study visit’ where government officials of 10 ASEAN Member States met to share “best practices” in their respective public administrations and human resource management.<sup>532</sup> Japan and ASEAN Member States shared knowledge “on issues of merit-based recruitment system, . . . enforcement of code of ethics and code of conduct.”<sup>533</sup>

Japan has taken action in monitoring and transparency by releasing the findings from the investigation into Japanese peacekeepers, arresting the head of the Moritomo Gakuen school, and reshuffling the cabinet to restore public trust in the government; and in training and awareness and international cooperation by hosting the ASEAN study visit. These actions fulfil three of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, Japan receives a score of 0.

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### **Korea: +1**

Korea has fully complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 17 July 2017, the Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission (ACRC) launched an Integrity Assessment and Anti-Corruption Initiative Assessment to be conducted on certain public organizations.<sup>534</sup> ACRC Chairperson Pak Un Jong announced that the Integrity Assessment has begun for 701 public organizations and the Anti-Corruption Initiative has begun for 257 public organizations.<sup>535</sup> The assessments involve evaluating the public organization’s integrity levels, identifying corruption-causing factors, improving corruption-prone areas, and operating improper solicitation prevention measures.<sup>536</sup>

On 21 July 2017, the ACRC met with civic organizations in efforts to rebuild an anti-corruption network through public-private cooperation in attempt to recover from the national crisis that

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<sup>531</sup> Abe looks for rebound with make-or-break Cabinet reshuffle, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 3 August 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2017/08/03/national/politics-diplomacy/abe-poised-reshuffle-cabinet-support-slides-tap-kono-top-envoy/#.Wh5LrkqnHIU>.

<sup>532</sup> ASEAN to enhance skills of public services, ASEAN (Jakarta) 1 September 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017. <http://asean.org/asean-to-enhance-skills-of-public-services/>.

<sup>533</sup> ASEAN to enhance skills of public services, ASEAN (Jakarta) 1 September 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017. <http://asean.org/asean-to-enhance-skills-of-public-services/>.

<sup>534</sup> Integrity Assessment and Anti-Corruption Initiative Assessment to be Conducted on Public Organizations, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 17 July 2017. Access Date: 3 January 2018. <http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=0205&confId=62&conConfId=62&conTabId=0&currPageNo=2&boardNum=66094>.

<sup>535</sup> Integrity Assessment and Anti-Corruption Initiative Assessment to be Conducted on Public Organizations, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 17 July 2017. Access Date: 3 January 2018. <http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=0205&confId=62&conConfId=62&conTabId=0&currPageNo=2&boardNum=66094>.

<sup>536</sup> Integrity Assessment and Anti-Corruption Initiative Assessment to be Conducted on Public Organizations, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 17 July 2017. Access Date: 3 January 2018. <http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=0205&confId=62&conConfId=62&conTabId=0&currPageNo=2&boardNum=66094>.

impeached former President Park Geun-Hye for corruption.<sup>537</sup> The meeting was attended by nine major anti-corruption civic organizations including Citizens' Coalition for Economic Justice (CCEJ), Transparency International Korea, HungSaDan Transparency Movement, and others.<sup>538</sup> Strategies of developing sustainable anti-corruption practice between public and private sectors were discussed.<sup>539</sup>

On 18 September 2017, a Ministry of Justice reform committee composed of civil servants proposed an establishment of a massive investigation agency to deal exclusively with corruption and other crimes involving senior officials.<sup>540</sup> The proposed agency would have precedence over police and public prosecution when investigations overlap.<sup>541</sup> The creation of this agency was part of President Moon Jae-In's campaign promises to a nation that had been long plagued with corruption by high level officials of central and local governments.<sup>542</sup> All government employees and public servants could be subject to the agency's investigation.<sup>543</sup>

On 28 September 2017, ACRC Chairperson Pak Un Jong announced the passing of the Act on the Protection of Public Interest Whistleblowers amendment in the National Assembly, the unicameral national legislature of Korea.<sup>544</sup> The amendment was intended to expand areas of protection for public interest whistleblowers and enhance the handling of public interest violation reports.<sup>545</sup> ACRC

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<sup>537</sup> Through Public-Private Cooperation, ACRC is to Rebuild Anti-Corruption Network, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 10 August 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017.

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<sup>538</sup> Through Public-Private Cooperation, ACRC is to Rebuild Anti-Corruption Network, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 10 August 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017.

<http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=0205&confId=62&conConfId=62&conTabId=0&currPageNo=1&boardNum=65677>.

<sup>539</sup> Through Public-Private Cooperation, ACRC is to Rebuild Anti-Corruption Network, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 10 August 2017. Access Date: 7 December 2017.

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<sup>540</sup> Ministry Committee Calls for Powerful Investigation Agency Handling High-Level Corruption, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 6 December 2017.

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/search1/2603000000.html?cid=AEN20170918006200315>.

<sup>541</sup> Ministry Committee Calls for Powerful Investigation Agency Handling High-Level Corruption, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 6 December 2017.

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<sup>542</sup> Ministry Committee Calls for Powerful Investigation Agency Handling High-Level Corruption, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 6 December 2017.

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/search1/2603000000.html?cid=AEN20170918006200315>.

<sup>543</sup> Ministry Committee Calls for Powerful Investigation Agency Handling High-Level Corruption, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 6 December 2017.

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/search1/2603000000.html?cid=AEN20170918006200315>.

<sup>544</sup> Protection for Public Interest Whistleblowers to be Significantly Strengthened, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 6 December 2017.

<http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=0205&confId=62&conConfId=62&conTabId=0&currPageNo=1&boardNum=67072>.

<sup>545</sup> Protection for Public Interest Whistleblowers to be Significantly Strengthened, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 6 December 2017.

<http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=0205&confId=62&conConfId=62&conTabId=0&currPageNo=1&boardNum=67072>.

officials reported that the amendment will “contribute to enhanced public safety and transparency in Korean society.”<sup>546</sup>

On 23 October 2017, President Moon called for a thorough inspection of all public enterprises to identify and rescind out any patronage appointments to powerful political and economic figures.<sup>547</sup> President Moon stated “recent reports on illicit employment in public organizations make it clear that such corruption has become engrained in daily life,” and asked the government to “address the issues with firm determination to end the cycle of foul-play and privilege.”<sup>548</sup> The President also asserted that those who facilitated patronage appointments will face criminal charges and damage suits from their organizations.<sup>549</sup>

On 9 November 2017, the Financial Supervisory Services (FSS) announced efforts to reform its hiring practices after a series of irregularities emerged involving new employees being affiliated with influential figures.<sup>550</sup> The FSS had been under scrutiny after state auditors found that senior FSS officials gave special favors to some job candidates who were related to politicians and senior financial executives.<sup>551</sup> FSS proposes to abolish the resume and cover letter screening process and require all job candidates to take a written test in its first stage of hiring.<sup>552</sup>

On 15 November 2017, the ACRC held the regional Anti-Corruption Conference of the Asia Development Bank and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.<sup>553</sup> ACRC Chairperson Pak reaffirmed Korea’s leading role in the efforts to nurture anti-corruption culture in the Asia Pacific.<sup>554</sup> The regional conference brought together 350 leaders and ministers of member

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<sup>546</sup> Protection for Public Interest Whistleblowers to be Significantly Strengthened, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 6 December 2017.  
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<sup>547</sup> Moon Orders Inspection of all Public Firms to Eradicate Solicited Jobs, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 7 December 2017.  
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<sup>548</sup> Moon Orders Inspection of all Public Firms to Eradicate Solicited Jobs, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 7 December 2017.  
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<sup>549</sup> Moon Orders Inspection of all Public Firms to Eradicate Solicited Jobs, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 7 December 2017.  
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<sup>550</sup> Financial Regulator Pledges Reform in Hiring Practices after Scandals, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 9 December 2017.  
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<sup>551</sup> Financial Regulator Pledges Reform in Hiring Practices after Scandals, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 9 December 2017.  
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<sup>554</sup> ACRC hosted the regional anti-corruption conference for Asia and the Pacific, ACRC (Seoul) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 16 April 2018.  
<http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=020501&boardNum=67615>



states and discussed the enactment of the 2016 Improper Solicitation and Graft Act as an example of effective anti-corruption policy as well as its achievements and future priorities.<sup>555</sup>

On 16 November 2017, prosecutors arrested two Korean spy chiefs who served under former President Park on charges of illegally channelling tens of thousands of US dollars per month from their agency's secret budgets for Park's private use.<sup>556</sup> The arrests were part of President Moon's campaign to root out collusive ties between the President's Office and the National Intelligence Service.<sup>557</sup>

On 24 November 2017, the ACRC joined the Korean government in actively supporting relevant agencies in managing and supervising public institutions and in improving institutional frameworks to reduce employing corrupt personnel.<sup>558</sup> This effort was in conjunction with the special body to counter public institutions corruption in personnel affairs and recruitment set up by the government.<sup>559</sup> The ACRC will contribute by carrying out examinations on the entire employment process of 271 public service-related organizations.<sup>560</sup>

On 29 November 2017, Minister of Defense Song Young-Moo met with Director of Transparency International's Defense and Security Programme Katherine Dixon to pledge continued cooperation to fight corruption in the defense and security domains.<sup>561</sup> The Defense and Security Programme compiles an index gauging the level of corruption in human resources, budget execution, and other categories in the defense and security fields, while providing possible solutions and codes of conduct.<sup>562</sup>

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<sup>555</sup> ACRC hosted the regional anti-corruption conference for Asia and the Pacific, ACRC (Seoul) 11 November 2017.

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<sup>556</sup> Ex-Spy Chiefs Arrested in South Korea on Corruption Charges, New York Times (Seoul) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 11 December 2017. <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/16/world/asia/south-korea-spy-corruption.html>.

<sup>557</sup> Ex-Spy Chiefs Arrested in South Korea on Corruption Charges, New York Times (Seoul) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 11 December 2017. <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/16/world/asia/south-korea-spy-corruption.html>.

<sup>558</sup> ARCR to Join Government-Wide Efforts to Root Out Corruption in Personnel Affairs and Recruitment, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 24 November 2017. Access Date: 13 December 2017.

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<sup>559</sup> ARCR to Join Government-Wide Efforts to Root Out Corruption in Personnel Affairs and Recruitment, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 24 November 2017. Access Date: 13 December 2017.

<http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=0205&conflId=62&conConflId=62&conTabId=0&currPageNo=1&boardNum=67609>.

<sup>560</sup> ARCR to Join Government-Wide Efforts to Root Out Corruption in Personnel Affairs and Recruitment, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 24 November 2017. Access Date: 13 December 2017.

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<sup>561</sup> Defense Chief Discusses Transparency Enhancement with NGO Official, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 6 December 2017.

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/national/2017/11/29/0302000000AEN20171129010700315.html>.

<sup>562</sup> Defense Chief Discusses Transparency Enhancement with NGO Official, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 6 December 2017.

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/national/2017/11/29/0302000000AEN20171129010700315.html>.

On 30 November 2017, the Defense Acquisition Program Administration held the 2017 International Conference on Anti-Corruption in Defense Acquisition in Seoul.<sup>563</sup> Domestic and foreign anti-corruption experts discussed measures to prevent corruption in defence acquisition.<sup>564</sup>

On 7 December 2017, the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) launched an innovation committee to enhance transparency of the organization and improve its reputation, which had been tarnished by multiple scandals.<sup>565</sup> The former chief of KOICA stepped down amid allegations of his affiliation with Choi Soon Sil, a close confidante of the former President Park, for having heavy influence over corrupt practices of the administration.<sup>566</sup> The committee is mandated to collect opinions and hold debates about reform strategies for the organization.<sup>567</sup>

On 2 January 2018, the Act on Anti-Corruption and the Establishment and Operations of ACRC was amended to strengthen the protection of corruption reporters and to strengthen the reward for corruption reporters.<sup>568</sup> The provisions include prohibiting anyone from interfering with filing corruption reports and compensation relief funds for corruption reporters to be introduced.<sup>569</sup>

On 19 January 2018, a Cabinet meeting made an amendment to the Code of Conduct for Public Officials in attempt to prevent conflict of interests and to prohibit improper solicitation to private citizens.<sup>570</sup> The new provision included the prohibition of directing parties or subordinates to do personal affairs, prohibition of acts to gain private interests related to public duties, restriction of

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<sup>563</sup> DAPA Hosts International Conference on Anti-Corruption in Defense Acquisition 2017, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018.

<http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=020501&boardNum=68153>.

<sup>564</sup> DAPA Hosts International Conference on Anti-Corruption in Defense Acquisition 2017, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018.

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<sup>565</sup> KOICA Launches 'Innovation Committee' to Reform Organization, Raise Transparency, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 7 December 2017. Access Date: 3 January 2018.

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<sup>566</sup> KOICA Launches 'Innovation Committee' to Reform Organization, Raise Transparency, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 7 December 2017. Access Date: 3 January 2018.

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<sup>568</sup> Measures to Strengthen the Protection and Reward System for Reporters to be Taken "In No Time", Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 15 January 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018.

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<sup>569</sup> Measures to Strengthen the Protection and Reward System for Reporters to be Taken "In No Time", Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 15 January 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018.

<http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=020501&confId=62&conConfId=62&conTabId=0&currPageNo=2&boardNum=68146>.

<sup>570</sup> Improper Solicitation to Private Citizens will be Prohibited, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 19 January 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018.

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employment of family members of high ranking officials and personnel management officers, and others.<sup>571</sup>

On 28 February 2018, the ACRC established anti-corruption policies based on its Four Free Anti-Corruption Policy Agenda, which includes being “free from improper solicitations, free from tolerance for corrupt acts, free from corrupt ties between bureaucrats and businesses, and free from false claims for easy money.”<sup>572</sup> These policies were part of the 2018 Anti-Corruption Policy Enforcement Guideline.<sup>573</sup>

Korea has taken action in administration by launching integrity and anti-corruption assessments for public organizations, and investigating and rescinding patronage appointments at public organizations; in human resources by reinforcing meritocratic hiring practices at FSS and throughout Korean public organizations; in training and awareness by promoting the Four Free Anti-Corruption Policy Agenda; in monitoring and transparency by arresting and sentencing individuals closely involved in the corrupt presidency of former president Park (including Park herself); in coordination by rebuilding anti-corruption networks damaged by the high-profile impeachment of former president Park, creating a proposed investigation agency to handle public sector corruption, expanding whistleblower protection, and strengthening protections for reporting on corruption; and in international cooperation by hosting numerous regional anti-corruption conferences. These actions fulfill all six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, Korea receives a score of +1.

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### **Mexico: 0**

Mexico has partially complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

In July 2017, the Secretary of Public Administration published its Model Program for Corporation Integrity to provide interpretation of Articles 21 and 25 of the General Law of Administrative Responsibilities (GLAR), which entered into force on 19 July 2017.<sup>574</sup> The GLAR introduced the concept of a whistleblower in the anti-corruption space and sets out provisions to punish both individuals and legal entities for the bribery of public officials at any level of government in

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<sup>571</sup>Improper Solicitation to Private Citizens will be Prohibited, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 19 January 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018.  
<http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=020501&confId=62&conConfId=62&conTabId=0&currPageNo=2&boardNum=68261>.

<sup>572</sup>The ACRC Held a Meeting to Convey ‘The 2018 Anti-Corruption Policy Enforcement Guideline’, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 28 February 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018.  
<http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=020501&boardNum=68665>.

<sup>573</sup>The ACRC Held a Meeting to Convey ‘The 2018 Anti-Corruption Policy Enforcement Guideline’, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 28 February 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018.  
<http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=020501&boardNum=68665>.

<sup>574</sup>New Mexican Anti-Corruption Law Enters into Force July 19, 2017, Global Compliance News (Mexico City) 13 July 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017. <https://globalcompliancenews.com/new-mexican-anti-corruption-law-20170713/>.

Mexico.<sup>575</sup> The Model Program provides recommendations for compliance programs and policies, including measures to promote accountability.<sup>576</sup>

On 3 December 2017, the Secretariat of Public Function (SFP) launched an Anti-Corruption Week, which took place in Mexico City from 3 to 9 December 2017, with the goal of raising awareness, reflecting, and dialoguing with citizens related to combatting corruption.<sup>577</sup> SFP hosted the Dialogues Against Corruption event in advance of Anti-Corruption Week.<sup>578</sup> The dialogue table aimed to establish common themes related to the fight against corruption and participants included specialists in access to public information and the costs of corruption.<sup>579</sup>

On 21 February 2018, the 2017 Corruption Perceptions Index ranked Mexico in 135th place on the list of 180 countries.<sup>580</sup> Mexico received a final score of 29, one point less than the previous year.<sup>581</sup>

Mexico has taken action in training and awareness by launching an Anti-Corruption week; and in coordination by promoting accountability and anti-corruption compliance with GLAR. These actions fulfil two of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of 0.

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### **Russia: 0**

Russia has partially complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 28 July 2017, United Russia, the majority party in parliament and party of President Vladimir Putin, drafted a motion to limit its membership fees and require political parties to reveal the names of political sponsors.<sup>582</sup> The Central Elections Commission would be tasked with deciding and updating the maximum size of donations, entry fees, and membership fees.<sup>583</sup> Additionally, the party

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<sup>575</sup> New Mexican Anti-Corruption Law Enters into Force July 19, 2017, Global Compliance News (Mexico City) 13 July 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017. <https://globalcompliancenews.com/new-mexican-anti-corruption-law-20170713/>.

<sup>576</sup> New Mexican Anti-Corruption Law Enters into Force July 19, 2017, Global Compliance News (Mexico City) 13 July 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017. <https://globalcompliancenews.com/new-mexican-anti-corruption-law-20170713/>.

<sup>577</sup> SFP Carries Out Anticorruption Week, Vertigo Político (Mexico City) 5 December 2017. Access Date: 5 December 2017. <http://www.vertigopolitico.com/articulo/50656/SFP-realiza-la-Semana-Anticorruption>.

<sup>578</sup> With the Participation of All, an Effective Fight Against Corruption will be Achieved: SPF, Secretariat of Public Function (Mexico City) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 5 December 2017. <https://www.gob.mx/sfp/articulos/con-la-participacion-de-todos-se-lograra-un-eficaz-combate-a-la-corrupcion-sfp-137806?idiom=es>.

<sup>579</sup> With the Participation of All, an Effective Fight Against Corruption will be Achieved: SPF, Secretariat of Public Function (Mexico City) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 5 December 2017. <https://www.gob.mx/sfp/articulos/con-la-participacion-de-todos-se-lograra-un-eficaz-combate-a-la-corrupcion-sfp-137806?idiom=es>.

<sup>580</sup> No Improvement on the Corruption Index, Mexico News Daily (Mexico City) 23 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://mexiconewsdaily.com/news/no-improvement-on-the-corruption-index/>.

<sup>581</sup> No Improvement on the Corruption Index, Mexico News Daily (Mexico City) 23 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://mexiconewsdaily.com/news/no-improvement-on-the-corruption-index/>.

<sup>582</sup> United Russia Pushes for Greater Transparency of Political Sponsors, Russia Today (Moscow) 28 July 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.rt.com/politics/397845-united-russia-pushes-for-greater/>.

<sup>583</sup> United Russia Pushes for Greater Transparency of Political Sponsors, Russia Today (Moscow) 28 July 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.rt.com/politics/397845-united-russia-pushes-for-greater/>.

would have to disclose its sources of money in its annual official report.<sup>584</sup> The current law limits the size of donations but does not regulate the entry or membership fees paid by party members.<sup>585</sup> The proposed changes are in line with the recommendations issued by the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), the anti-corruption monitoring body of the Council of Europe.<sup>586</sup>

On 4 September 2017, Russia committed to cooperating with member states regarding anti-corruption at the 2017 BRICS Summit in the Xiamen Declaration.<sup>587</sup> Section 20 of the Declaration reaffirms that corruption, including illicit money and financial flows, and ill-gotten wealth stashed in foreign jurisdictions, impedes economic development.<sup>588</sup> BRICS countries also committed in the Declaration to cooperate and coordinate anti-corruption measures, and to prevent and combat corruption on the basis of the UN Convention against Corruption and other relevant international legal instruments.<sup>589</sup>

On 6 September 2017, Russian law enforcement services arrested Minister of Defence Alexander Vokulin for purportedly accepting over USD100,000 in bribes.<sup>590</sup> The Minister worked as head of the food supply management department of the defense ministry.<sup>591</sup>

On 25 October 2017, the Russian government mandated that cryptocurrencies and initial coin offerings (ICO) legislation will be completed by July 2018.<sup>592</sup> President Vladimir Putin has formally issued five orders regarding the use of digital technologies in the country's financial division.<sup>593</sup> These orders include the Russian Federation developing legislation on cryptocurrency and drafting proposals on financial technologies with the Bank of Russia.<sup>594</sup>

On 8 November 2017, the Tverskoy District Court in Moscow rejected a lawsuit filed by opposition activist and founder of the non-governmental organization, Fighting Corruption, Alexey Navalny.<sup>595</sup>

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<sup>584</sup> United Russia Pushes for Greater Transparency of Political Sponsors, Russia Today (Moscow) 28 July 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.rt.com/politics/397845-united-russia-pushes-for-greater/>.

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<sup>590</sup> Russian Colonel Arrested for \$6.4mn Bribe, Biggest in MoD History, Russia Today (Moscow) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.rt.com/news/404665-russian-colonel-bribery-mod/>.

<sup>591</sup> Russian Colonel Arrested for \$6.4mn Bribe, Biggest in MoD History, Russia Today (Moscow) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.rt.com/news/404665-russian-colonel-bribery-mod/>.

<sup>592</sup> Kremlin Considers Crypto-Ruble & Use of Blockchain in Public Service, Russia Today (Moscow) 24 August 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.rt.com/business/400728-blockchain-russia-ruble-cryptocurrency/>.

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<sup>595</sup> Moscow court rejects Navalny lawsuit against Putin, Russia Today (Moscow) 8 November 2017. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <https://www.rt.com/politics/409244-moscow-court-rejects-navalnys-lawsuit/>.

The lawsuit claims that President Putin encouraged regional authorities to ban hundreds of requests for public rallies arbitrarily.<sup>596</sup> Navalny and his lawyer plan to appeal the decision and promised “exhaustive evidence that city and town administrations across the country are acting in an organized and synchronized way, and apparently on directions from Moscow.”<sup>597</sup>

On 10 November 2017, Member of Parliament Pyotr Tolstoy urged that all nations adopt uniform standards for election monitoring at a meeting with the head of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights.<sup>598</sup> He stated Russia’s commitment to ensure maximum transparency and legitimacy for upcoming presidential elections in March 2018.<sup>599</sup>

On 23 November 2017, the State Duma Committee for Security and Countering Corruption approved a draft law offering state protection to those who reveal facts of corruption to law enforcement agencies.<sup>600</sup> It includes crimes in federal, regional or municipal power bodies or in state-run organizations.<sup>601</sup> The draft protects the individual who reports corruption by ensuring the report remains confidential, providing free legal advice, and offering protection from unlawful sanctions at work and other infringement of their rights.<sup>602</sup>

On 29 December 2017, President Putin signed a bill requiring all officials fired from their posts over involvement in corruption be placed on a nationwide internet register to prevent them from re-entering the public service, coming into full effect 1 January 2018.<sup>603</sup>

On 12 March 2018, Upper House Chair Valentina Matviyenko stated that the upcoming 2018 Russian federal elections will be the most transparent in Russia’s history.<sup>604</sup> Polling stations in territory populated by 80 to 95 per cent of Russian residents are equipped with monitoring video cameras that will observe voting and ballot count, and a large number of foreign monitors are

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<sup>596</sup> Moscow court rejects Navalny lawsuit against Putin, Russia Today (Moscow) 8 November 2017 2017. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <https://www.rt.com/politics/409244-moscow-court-rejects-navalnys-lawsuit/>.

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<sup>600</sup> Lower House committee passes bill on protection for citizens reporting corruption, Russia Today (Moscow) 23 November 2017. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <https://www.rt.com/politics/410765-lower-house-committee-oks-russian/>.

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<sup>604</sup> Top senator describes forthcoming elections as most transparent in modern Russia’s history, Russia Today (Moscow) 12 March 2018. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <https://www.rt.com/politics/421023-russian-senator-describes-elections/>.

expected at the forthcoming polls.<sup>605</sup> 80 per cent of all Russian voters will be using stations equipped with these systems.<sup>606</sup> To date, just under USD50 million has been spent on such measures.<sup>607</sup>

Russia has taken action in human resources by creating a registry of former officials who were convicted of corruption and barring those listed from seeking new public-sector employment; in monitoring and transparency by prosecuting senior government officials and implementing greater transparency in the upcoming 2018 federal elections; in coordination by strengthening legal protections for whistleblowers; and in international cooperation by affirming its commitment to combat corruption at the BRICS Xiamen summit. These actions fulfill four of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, Russia receives a score of 0.

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### **Saudi Arabia: +1**

Saudi Arabia has fully complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 18 September 2017, anti-corruption commission Nazaha and the UN Office on Drugs and Crime hosted a workshop in Riyadh for four days that aimed to review the implementation of the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) by providing government officials with technical experience based on the convention's provisions.<sup>608</sup>

As of 4 November 2017, a new Supreme Anti-Corruption Committee was formed by Royal Order No. A/38.<sup>609</sup> The committee will be led by Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman and possesses wide-ranging powers, including the ability to issue arrest warrants, freeze assets, and impose travel bans.<sup>610</sup> Attorney General Saud al-Mojeb described the new committee as “part of an overhaul to ensure transparency, openness and good governance.”<sup>611</sup> The committee revealed that an ongoing 3-year investigation estimated that at least USD100 billion had been misused due to systematic corruption and embezzlement over several decades; those accused of corruption, including several

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<sup>605</sup> Top senator describes forthcoming elections as most transparent in modern Russia's history, Russia Today (Moscow) 12 March 2018. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <https://www.rt.com/politics/421023-rusian-senator-describes-elections/>.

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<sup>609</sup> Press: The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's Anti-Corruption Proceeding's Status, Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia (Washington, D.C) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.saudiembassy.net/news/kingdom-saudi-arabia-s-anti-corruption-proceedings-status>.

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ministers, were subpoenaed.<sup>612</sup> The senior ministers who were sacked include Prince Miteb bin Abdullah, the Head of the National Guard, and Minister of the Economy Adel Faqih.<sup>613</sup>

On 6 November 2017, the Government of Saudi Arabia attended the seventh session for the Conference of the States Parties (CoSP) to the UN Convention Against Corruption.<sup>614</sup> Nazaha leader Dr. Khaled bin Abdulmohsen Al-Muhaisen invited all the delegates to a workshop that will focus on making “the most use of the intergovernmental meetings under the CoSP to the UN Convention Against Corruption.”<sup>615</sup>

On 6 November 2017, Dr. Al-Muhaisen revealed the Saudi Arabian government’s current initiatives that were being taken to further prevent corruption: the establishment of Nazaha clubs in universities, the launch of the Tahqok program that monitors corruption in government entities, and the development of an e-procurement system designed to detect cases of collusion, forgery, irregular exceptions, administrative abuse and abuse of public money.<sup>616</sup>

On 7 November 2017, Nazaha and the Ministries Justice, Interior, and Education, and the Public Prosecution held a workshop entitled “Experiences of states parties in making use of the best practices of the CoSP.”<sup>617</sup> In this they reviewed the current experiences and methods of coordination between government entities in order to implement the necessary initiatives outlined by the CoSP.<sup>618</sup>

On 27 November 2017, the Shura Council, a high-level advisory body to the monarch that has the ability to draft and interpret laws, approved a draft regulation for financial and administrative whistleblowers and for the protection of eyewitnesses.<sup>619</sup>

On 20 January 2018, the National Center for Performance Measurement (ADAA) announced the launch of its website and Twitter account.<sup>620</sup> ADAA spokesperson Mohammed Al-Nafeesa said that the centre measures the performance of public bodies by applying standardized models, approaches,

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and tools to support their adequacy and effectiveness.<sup>621</sup> He added that the ADAA adopts measurement methodologies based on the best international practices of government monitoring.<sup>622</sup>

On 30 of January 2018, the Government of Saudi Arabia revealed that so far 381 individuals have been subpoenaed as part of the Supreme Anti-Corruption Committee's investigations, many of whom were called to testify or cite evidence of their innocence.<sup>623</sup> Currently, 56 people still remain in custody awaiting trial; the rest were released either when allegations against them did not have sufficient evidence, or after they agreed to a settlement.<sup>624</sup> The Attorney General announced that the government recuperated over USD106 billion in various type of assets during the anti-corruption purge.<sup>625</sup>

Saudi Arabia has taken action in administration by launching the website and social media accounts of the ADAA; in training and awareness by organizing workshops to review the implementation of the UNCAC and CoSP; in monitoring and transparency by establishing the Supreme Anti-Corruption Committee; in coordination by hosting joint events between Nazaha and various government ministries and introducing new laws to protect whistleblowers; and in international cooperation by participating in the international CoSP summit. These actions fulfill five of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of +1.

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### **South Africa: -1**

South Africa has failed to comply with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 8 August 2017, President Jacob Zuma defeated a non-confidence vote that was brought to parliament by opposition parties including the Democratic Alliance and the Economic Freedom Fighters.<sup>626</sup> The motion was brought forth due to the increase in corruption allegations and incriminating evidence against President Zuma and his administration, including a recent cabinet reshuffle that dismissed popular finance minister Pravin Gordhan.<sup>627</sup> Leader of the Opposition

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<sup>621</sup> New to center to rate Saudi Arabia's public services, Arab News (Jeddah) 21 January 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <http://www.arabnews.com/node/1230191/saudi-arabia>.

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<sup>626</sup> Jacob Zuma narrowly survives no-confidence vote in South African parliament, The Guardian (Johannesburg) 9 August 2017. Access Date: 26 December 2017. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/aug/08/jacob-zuma-survives-no-confidence-vote-south-african-president>.

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Mmusi Maimane criticized this shuffle, saying that “the president was playing Russian roulette with the economy.”<sup>628</sup> Although the motion was defeated, the margin was narrow (198 votes to 177).<sup>629</sup>

On 4 September 2017, South Africa took part in the ninth annual Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS) Summit in Xiamen, China.<sup>630</sup> As a part of the summit, these countries affirmed their cooperation in fighting corruption, namely through participation in the BRICS Anti-Corruption Working Group.<sup>631</sup>

On 13 October 2017, the Supreme Court of Appeal upheld a 2009 ruling that reinstated 782 counts of corruption and fraud charges against President Zuma.<sup>632</sup> Since the charges were controversially dropped one week before the President took office,<sup>633</sup> the Court ruled that the prosecutors irrationally and inexcusably dropped the charges.<sup>634</sup>

On 14 December 2017, the Public Protector, South Africa’s corruption watchdog, released a report detailing the mismanagement of USD22 million that was spent on the funeral of former President Nelson Mandela.<sup>635</sup> The report outlines the unreasonable purchases made by many of the officials from the Eastern Cape provinces in charge of planning the funeral, such as spending money meant for social development on t-shirts and catering.<sup>636</sup>

On 14 December 2018, at least 14 people and entities linked to the Gupta brothers corruption scandal were identified in a preservation order obtained in North Gauteng High Court in Pretoria.<sup>637</sup> The order sought to recover assets worth an estimated ZAR1.6 billion from the Gupta brothers, who are long-time business partners of Zuma’s family.<sup>638</sup> The brothers are accused of looting USD2

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<sup>628</sup> Jacob Zuma narrowly survives no-confidence vote in South African parliament, *The Guardian* (Johannesburg) 9 August 2017. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/aug/08/jacob-zuma-survives-no-confidence-vote-south-african-president>.

<sup>629</sup> Jacob Zuma Beats Back No-Confidence Vote in South Africa, *The New York Times* (Cape Town) 8 August 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017. <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/08/world/africa/jacob-zuma-south-africa-no-confidence-vote.html>.

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<sup>635</sup> South Africa watchdog: \$22M misspent on Nelson Mandela’s funeral, UPI (Pretoria) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 4 January 2018. <https://www.upi.com/South-Africa-watchdog-22M-misspent-on-Nelson-Mandelas-funeral/1341512416674/>.

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million from a farm project aimed at providing aid to poor farmers.<sup>639</sup> Prosecutors have claimed that “the farm was a mere façade to allow fraud, theft, and money laundering,” which the Gupta family profited from by placing the assets into bank accounts and companies under their control.<sup>640</sup>

On 18 December 2017, Cyril Ramaphosa was elected as Leader of the African National Congress (ANC) for a five-year term.<sup>641</sup> On 21 December 2017, the new leader made his first speech vowing to adopt a policy of “radical economic transformation” which will help combat corruption, poverty, unemployment, and inequality for South African people.<sup>642</sup>

On 14 February 2018, President Zuma resigned.<sup>643</sup> ANC members had increasingly pressured him to step down amid corruption allegations or face a no confidence motion in parliament.<sup>644</sup>

On 21 February 2018, Transparency International released their annual scores on its Corruption Perceptions Index.<sup>645</sup> South Africa scored 71 out of 180 countries, with a point score of 43 out of 100.<sup>646</sup> In comparison to the 2016 index, South Africa’s score has deteriorated from last year where they received a point score of 45 out of 100.<sup>647</sup>

South Africa has taken action in international cooperation by participating in the BRICS Anti-Corruption Working Group. This action fulfills one of the six core areas to organize against corruption. South Africa has also undermined anti-corruption efforts by failing to properly hold national leaders accountable for corrupt actions.

Thus, South Africa receives a score of –1.

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<sup>645</sup> The yearly corruption perceptions index just came out. Who got the gold medal?, The Washington Post (Washington) 21 February 2018, Access Date: 4 March 2018. [https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2018/02/21/the-yearly-corruption-perceptions-index-just-came-out-who-got-the-gold-medal/?utm\\_term=.082ffa59b407](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2018/02/21/the-yearly-corruption-perceptions-index-just-came-out-who-got-the-gold-medal/?utm_term=.082ffa59b407).

<sup>646</sup> SA ranks 71 out of 180 countries on corruption, Times Live (Johannesburg) 23 February 2018, Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.timeslive.co.za/news/south-africa/2018-02-23-sa-ranks-71-out-of-180-countries-on-corruption/>.

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### **Turkey: -1**

Turkey has failed to comply with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 1 October 2017, President Recep Erdoğan announced reforms to clarify the separation of powers between the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government.<sup>648</sup> Under the proposed structure, Parliament will appoint seven of the 13 Council of Judges and Prosecutors, and the President will appoint four members.<sup>649</sup> The remaining two council members will serve the Minister of Justice and Undersecretary of the Ministry of Justice.<sup>650</sup> The move aims to eliminate the uneven legislative power experienced under the current system that favours the ruling party or coalition.<sup>651</sup>

On 15 March, the Council of Europe's Group of States Against Corruption (GRECO) stressed concerns that "the contentious and much discussed constitutional change appears to put the configuration of Board of Judges and Prosecutors (HSK) even more under the control of the executive branch."<sup>652</sup> GRECO also criticized the lack of transparency of parliament's legislative process, noting that "there are no rules governing the organization of public consultations in the legislative process, beyond the possibility of inviting experts or civil society to hearings during the early stages of the preparation of legislation."<sup>653</sup>

Turkey has taken no action to meet its commitment against corruption. Turkey has also undermined anti-corruption efforts by placing more judicial appointment power in the hands of the executive and failing to reform its opaque legislative process.

Thus, Turkey receives a score of -1.

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### **United Kingdom: +1**

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 4 September 2017, Solicitor General Robert Buckland delivered a speech at the 35th Cambridge Symposium on Economic Crime, summarizing the efforts put in place by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) and the Serious Fraud Office in 2016 to 2017 to tackle fraud and corruption including

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<sup>648</sup> In the New System, Legislative Power Is Completely Entrusted to the Members of Parliament, Presidency of the Republic of Turkey (Ankara) 1 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.tccb.gov.tr/en/news/542/84725/yeni-sistemle-yasama-yetkisi-tamamen-milletvekillerimiz-in-uhdesine-birakiliyor.html>.

<sup>649</sup> In the New System, Legislative Power Is Completely Entrusted to the Members of Parliament, Presidency of the Republic of Turkey (Ankara) 1 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.tccb.gov.tr/en/news/542/84725/yeni-sistemle-yasama-yetkisi-tamamen-milletvekillerimiz-in-uhdesine-birakiliyor.html>.

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<sup>652</sup> Constitutional amendment undermines judiciary, no progress in anti-corruption fight: CoE, Hurriyet Daily News (Ankara) 15 March 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <http://www.hurriyetaidailynews.com/constitutional-amendment-undermines-judiciary-no-progress-in-anti-corruption-fight-coe-128820>.

<sup>653</sup> Constitutional amendment undermines judiciary, no progress in anti-corruption fight: CoE, Hurriyet Daily News (Ankara) 15 March 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <http://www.hurriyetaidailynews.com/constitutional-amendment-undermines-judiciary-no-progress-in-anti-corruption-fight-coe-128820>.

fraud within the public sector.<sup>654</sup> One such measure is the introduction of Deferred Prosecution Agreements, which allow an organization to benefit from the suspension of a prosecution for a fixed period of time as long as it meets specific conditions.<sup>655</sup> In his speech, the solicitor general indicated that “many of the cases that the CPS deals with relate to fraud within the public sector.”<sup>656</sup>

On 12 September 2017, the UK government confirmed funding for police and prison officers within existing budgets.<sup>657</sup> Chief Secretary to the Treasury Elizabeth Truss indicated in a written statement that “they, like everyone else, deserve to have fulfilling jobs that are fairly rewarded.”<sup>658</sup> Police officers will receive a 1 per cent pay increase and an additional 1 per cent bonus and all prison staff will receive a pay increase of 1.7 per cent on average — “recognizing the need to help recruit and retain staff with the right experience and expertise to keep our prisons safe and secure.”<sup>659</sup> Such an initiative is a step towards promoting adequate remuneration which provides a secure livelihood to public officials.<sup>660</sup>

On 4-6 December 2017, the Global Forum on Asset Recovery (GFAR), co-hosted by the UK and United States, was held in Washington, DC.<sup>661</sup> The forum provided opportunities for international partnership and cooperation in the fight against economic crime, and “a platform to empower the investigators and prosecutors charged with identifying and tracing assets and getting necessary cooperation with financial centres in recovering and returning them.”<sup>662</sup>

On 11 December 2017, the Department for International Development (DFID) and the Home Office published the 2017-2022 Anti-Corruption Strategy in an effort to reduce corruption both in the private and public sector.<sup>663</sup> One of the six priorities outlined by the strategy is to “promote

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<sup>654</sup> Solicitor General’s speech at the Cambridge Symposium on Economic Crime, Attorney General’s Office (Cambridge) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 1 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/solicitor-generals-speech-at-cambridge-symposium-on-economic-crime>.

<sup>655</sup> Solicitor General’s speech at the Cambridge Symposium on Economic Crime, Attorney General’s Office (Cambridge) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 1 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/solicitor-generals-speech-at-cambridge-symposium-on-economic-crime>.

<sup>656</sup> Solicitor General’s speech at the Cambridge Symposium on Economic Crime, Attorney General’s Office (Cambridge) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 1 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/solicitor-generals-speech-at-cambridge-symposium-on-economic-crime>.

<sup>657</sup> Address by Chief Secretary to the Treasury Elizabeth Truss, UK Parliament (London) 12 September 2017. Access Date: 1 December 2017. <http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2017-09-12/HCWS127/>.

<sup>658</sup> Address by Chief Secretary to the Treasury Elizabeth Truss, UK Parliament (London) 12 September 2017. Access Date: 1 December 2017. <http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2017-09-12/HCWS127/>.

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<sup>661</sup> Global Forum on Asset Recovery (GFAR), Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative (Washington) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 1 December 2017. <https://star.worldbank.org/star/about-us/global-forum-asset-recovery-gfar>.

<sup>662</sup> Global Forum on Asset Recovery (GFAR), Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative (Washington) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 1 December 2017. <https://star.worldbank.org/star/about-us/global-forum-asset-recovery-gfar>.

<sup>663</sup> UK anti-corruption strategy 2017 to 2022, Department for International Development and Home Office (London) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-anti-corruption-strategy-2017-to-2022>.

integrity across the public and private sectors.”<sup>664</sup> By including long-term goals such as “greater public sector resilience against the threat of corruption” and a more “open government that is trusted by citizens, with robust protections for whistleblowers,” the government hopes to increase and build public confidence in its institutions and to reduce corruption within the government.<sup>665</sup>

On 11 December 2017, Home Secretary Amber Rudd announced a series of new steps aimed at reducing corruption, including the Prime Minister’s appointment of Member of Parliament John Penrose as the new Anti-corruption Champion.<sup>666</sup> Part of his role will consist of “promoting the UK’s response to corruption both domestically and internationally.”<sup>667</sup>

On 6 February 2018, DFID published a new Transparency Agenda.<sup>668</sup> The Agenda aims to allow the international and British public to be aware of the department’s aid allocation decisions and to create a more transparent system of aid distribution.<sup>669</sup>

The UK taken action in administration through announcing a five-year anti-corruption plan; in human resources through improving police and prison officer compensation; in monitoring and transparency through introducing DFID’s new Transparency Agenda; in coordination through appointing a designated anti-corruption champion in parliament; and in international cooperation co-hosting the GFAR. These actions fulfill five of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

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### **United States: 0**

The United States has partially complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 21 August 2017, President Donald Trump put forth strategies to resolve the lengthy conflict in Afghanistan, claiming that the American government would provide military and economic

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<sup>664</sup> UK anti-corruption strategy 2017 to 2022, Department for International Development and Home Office (London) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-anti-corruption-strategy-2017-to-2022>.

<sup>665</sup> UK anti-corruption strategy 2017 to 2022, Department for International Development and Home Office (London) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-anti-corruption-strategy-2017-to-2022>.

<sup>666</sup> Home Secretary announces new national economic crime centre to tackle high level fraud and money laundering, Home Office (London) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/home-secretary-announces-new-national-economic-crime-centre-to-tackle-high-level-fraud-and-money-laundering>.

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<sup>668</sup> UK leading transparency revolution for empowerment and growth, Department for International Development (London) 6 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-leading-transparency-revolution-for-empowerment-and-growth>.

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assistance, but making the aid dependent on steps from the Afghan government to actively promote anti-corruption efforts.<sup>670</sup>

On 10 October 2017, the Office of Government Ethics issued a reminder to the heads of executive branch agencies of their critical role in promoting ethical culture.<sup>671</sup> The memo outlines that, “it is essential to the success of our republic that citizens can trust that your decisions and the decisions made by your agency are motivated by the public good and not by personal interests.”<sup>672</sup>

On 2 November 2017, the US withdrew from the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), which aims at combating corruption by promoting government accountability and transparency in the natural resource industry.<sup>673</sup> Director of the Office of Natural Resources Revenue Gregory J. Gould wrote that “while the US remains committed to fighting corruption it is clear that domestic implementation of EITI does not fully account for the US legal framework.”<sup>674</sup>

On 1 December 2017, former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn was charged with one count of lying to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).<sup>675</sup> Flynn admitted to lying in an FBI interview in 2016 regarding his discussions with Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak.<sup>676</sup> As a result, he has agreed to co-operate with special counsel Robert Mueller’s investigation regarding Russia’s involvement in the 2016 presidential election.<sup>677</sup>

On 4 December 2017, the US co-hosted the first Global Forum on Asset Recovery (GFAR) with the United Kingdom.<sup>678</sup> The two-day event, which was aimed at the commitment to prevent and combat

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<sup>670</sup> Trump Outlines New Afghanistan War Strategy With Few Details, New York Times (Washington) 21 August 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/21/world/asia/afghanistan-troops-trump.html?rref=collection%2Fsectioncollection%2Fus>.

<sup>671</sup> OGE’s Acting Director Issues Memo to Agency Heads about the Importance of Ethical Leadership, United States Office of Government Ethics (Washington) 10 October 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.oge.gov/web/oge.nsf/News%20Releases/B81D82338A7E7BDE852581B5004F6BA0?opendocument>.

<sup>672</sup> OGE’s Acting Director Issues Memo to Agency Heads about the Importance of Ethical Leadership, United States Office of Government Ethics (Washington) 10 October 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.oge.gov/web/oge.nsf/News%20Releases/B81D82338A7E7BDE852581B5004F6BA0?opendocument>.

<sup>673</sup> US withdraws from extractive industries anti-corruption effort, Reuters (New York) 2 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-eiti/u-s-withdraws-from-extractive-industries-anti-corruption-effort-idUSKBN1D2290>.

<sup>674</sup> US withdraws from extractive industries anti-corruption effort, Reuters (New York) 2 November 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-eiti/u-s-withdraws-from-extractive-industries-anti-corruption-effort-idUSKBN1D2290>.

<sup>675</sup> Trump denies collusion as Michael Flynn pleads guilty to lying to FBI, The Globe and Mail (Washington and New York) 1 December 2017. Access Date: 25 January 2018. <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/us-politics/flynn-charged-with-lying-to-fbi-plea-hearing-set-for-friday-court-filing/article37163624/>.

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<sup>678</sup> The Global Forum on Asset Recovery: Assistance for Combatting Corruption in Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, and Ukraine, CNBC Africa (Johannesburg) 6 December 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. <https://www.cnbc.com/africa/apo/2017/12/06/the-global-forum-on-asset-recovery-assistance-for-combatting-corruption-in-nigeria-sri-lanka-tunisia-and-ukraine/>.

corruption globally, was hosted shortly before International Anti-Corruption Day.<sup>679</sup> The Department of State and US Agency for International Development emphasized their support for a variety of foreign assistance programs to aid in anti-corruption efforts, including “investing in the ability of civil society and journalists to hold governments accountable; supporting investigations and prosecutions for corruption offenses; and promoting measures to prevent corruption, foster oversight, and promote government integrity and transparency.”<sup>680</sup>

On 14 December 2017, the US government suspended aid to Somalia’s armed forces over corruption concerns.<sup>681</sup> According to confidential correspondence between the two countries, the Somali military failed to systematically account for the food and fuel support being given to them.<sup>682</sup> This lack of oversight fails to meet American accountability standards, although the US will continue to support small, Somali special forces units, which will be mentored by American personnel to ensure their aid is used effectively.<sup>683</sup>

On 21 December 2017, the US government introduced new sanctions to combat human right abusers and corrupt actors globally, building on the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act passed by Congress in 2016.<sup>684</sup> These sanctions are being placed on 13 people, including the former president of Gambia and a Myanmar general.<sup>685</sup> In addition to these sanctions, the Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) has imposed sanctions on 39 affiliated individuals and entities.<sup>686</sup>

On 5 January 2018, OFAC labelled four Venezuelan government officials as corrupt and oppressive within Venezuela.<sup>687</sup> As such, the US government has sanctioned these officials by freezing all their American assets and prohibiting them from dealing with the US.<sup>688</sup>

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<sup>679</sup> The Global Forum on Asset Recovery: Assistance for Combatting Corruption in Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, and Ukraine, CNBC Africa (Johannesburg) 6 December 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018.

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<sup>680</sup> United States and United Kingdom Host Global Forum on Asset Recovery, United States Department of State (Washington) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018.

<https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2017/12/276225.htm>.

<sup>681</sup> Exclusive: US suspends aid to Somalia's battered military over graft, Reuters (Nairobi) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-somalia-military-exclusive/exclusive-u-s-suspends-aid-to-somalias-battered-military-over-graft-idUSKBN1E81XF>.

<sup>682</sup> Exclusive: US suspends aid to Somalia's battered military over graft, Reuters (Nairobi) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-somalia-military-exclusive/exclusive-u-s-suspends-aid-to-somalias-battered-military-over-graft-idUSKBN1E81XF>.

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<sup>684</sup> United States Sanctions Human Rights Abusers and Corrupt Actors Across the Globe, United States Department of the Treasury (Washington) 21 December 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sm0243>.

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<sup>687</sup> Treasury Sanctions Four Venezuelan Government Officials Associated with Corruption and Oppression, United States Department of the Treasury (Washington) 5 January 2018. Access Date: 7 January 2018. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sm0247>.



On 16 January 2018, President Trump's former campaign officials Paul Manafort and Rick Gates returned to court to discuss and set possible trials dates regarding their involvement in the allegations of Russia's interference in the 2016 presidential election.<sup>689</sup> Both men face a combined 12 charges related to money laundering, lying on federal records regarding their lobbying and business affairs, and conspiracy against the US.<sup>690</sup> On 22 February 2018, a grand jury indicted them of a new set of 32 charges, which included financial and bank fraud crimes.<sup>691</sup> The men have yet to enter in a plea for the new charges, but did enter a plea of not guilty for the former 12 charges filed in the fall.<sup>692</sup>

On 31 January 2018, the US government issued subpoenas in an investigation involving international sports corruption.<sup>693</sup> The Department of Justice has begun to explore the possibility of racketeering, money laundering, and fraud charges in two track and field world championship events and the involvement of business executive bids in other competitions.<sup>694</sup>

On 21 February 2018, Transparency International released their annual scores on its Corruption Perceptions Index.<sup>695</sup> The US scored 16th place of 180 countries, with a score of 70 out of 100.<sup>696</sup> In comparison to the 2016 index, the US has improved slightly from last year where it placed 18th with a score of 74 out of 100.<sup>697</sup>

The United States has taken action in monitoring and transparency through issuing various indictments and subpoenas to senior officials and political advisors in the Trump administration, and in international cooperation through supporting of anti-corruption efforts in Afghanistan and Somalia, sanctioning corrupt individuals and groups worldwide, and co-hosting the GFAR. These actions fulfill two of the six core areas to organize against corruption. The United States has also impaired anti-corruption efforts by withdrawing from the EITI.

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<sup>688</sup> Treasury Sanctions Four Venezuelan Government Officials Associated with Corruption and Oppression, United States Department of the Treasury (Washington) 5 January 2018. Access Date: 7 January 2018. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sm0247>.

<sup>689</sup> A judge at Paul Manafort and Rick Gates's hearing pushed their trial date to fall, right before the 2018 midterms, Business Insiders (Washington) 16 January 2018. Access Date: 21 January 2018. <http://www.businessinsider.com/paul-manafort-and-rick-gates-will-stand-trial-right-before-the-midterms-2018-1>.

<sup>690</sup> Flynn pleads guilty to lying to FBI, is cooperating with Mueller, CNN (Washington) 1 December 2017, Access Date: 21 January 2018. <http://www.cnn.com/2018/01/15/politics/manafort-gates-muller-court/index.html>.

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<sup>693</sup> Justice Dept. Escalates Inquiry on Global Sports Corruption, New York Times (New York) 31 January 2018, Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/31/sports/fifa-ioc-usoc-iaaf.html>.

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Thus, the United States receives a score of 0.

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### **European Union: 0**

The European Union has partially complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 15 November 2017, the European Commission released a report evaluating the progress made on the 17 recommendations it issued in January 2017 under the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism (CVM).<sup>698</sup> The CVM was set up when the Bulgaria and Romania joined the EU in 2007 as a measure to improve and monitor their progress in deficient sectors, such as countering organized crime and enacting judicial reform.<sup>699</sup> The report outlines the efforts and steps taken by the two countries to address their shortcomings in specific areas.<sup>700</sup>

On 24 January 2018, President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker and First Vice-President Frans Timmermans issued a joint statement as a follow-up to the progress report.<sup>701</sup> The statement sent a warning to Romania and “calls on the Romanian Parliament to rethink the course of action proposed, to open up the debate in line with the Commission’s recommendations and to build a broad consensus on the way forward.”<sup>702</sup>

On 20 October 2017, the Digital Whistleblower Project (DIGIWHIST), in collaboration with the YourDataStories project, held a joint event in Athens.<sup>703</sup> One of the goals of this gathering was to work towards improving transparency of public administration.<sup>704</sup> DIGIWHIST is an EU-funded project, based in the United Kingdom, tasked with increasing the transparency and efficiency of public spending within Europe.<sup>705</sup>

On 13 September 2017, President Juncker indicated that he was enacting a new Code of Conduct for Commissioners and stated that “the new Code will of course strengthen the integrity requirements

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<sup>698</sup> Joint Statement of European Commission President Juncker and First Vice-President Timmermans on the latest developments in Romania, European Commission (Brussels) 24 January 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_STATEMENT-18-423\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_STATEMENT-18-423_en.htm).

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for Commissioners.”<sup>706</sup> Each commissioner is responsible for one determined portfolio such as Trade, Health and Food Safety or International Cooperation and Development.<sup>707</sup>

As of 14 January 2018, Executive Director of the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) José Carreira is being investigated by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) for “alleged misconduct in procurement procedures, irregularities in management of human resources and possible breaches of data protection at the Malta-based EASO.”<sup>708</sup>

On 8 February 2018, OLAF investigated a series of EU-funded Hungarian projects.<sup>709</sup> The investigation concerns 35 public lighting projects, which were managed by a company previously controlled by Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban’s son-in-law.<sup>710</sup> The organization indicated that its investigation “revealed not only serious irregularities in most of the projects, but also conflict of interest.”<sup>711</sup>

The European Union has taken action in administration through the DIGIWHIST project; in training and awareness through introducing the new Code of Conduct for Commissioners; and in monitoring and transparency through publishing the CVM report on Bulgaria and Romania, investigating José Carreira, and investigating potential conflicts of interest in Hungarian public works projects. These actions fulfil three of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of 0.

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