

His Excellency President Petro Poroshenko

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Your Excellency,

While visiting Ukraine in June 2016 it was clear that the country faces serious anti-corruption challenges, but that the relevant anti-corruption authorities and civil society organisations were making some progress. This was strengthened by assurances you made during our meeting that Ukraine will move decisively towards implementation of anti-corruption reforms.

Transparency International welcomed the implementation of the e-declaration system and has suggested that this should be strengthened by mechanism to verify data reliability and the legality of the declared assets.

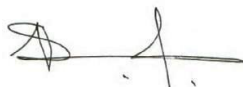
Transparency International believes that more needs to be done to meet the challenges we discussed. Real progress in investigating corruption crimes committed by former President Yanukovych and his allies has not been achieved. The stolen wealth has yet to be repatriated. The anti-corruption court has not been established, and it was the Members of Parliament from the opposition party who submitted the draft law on the anti-corruption court to Parliament.

In Kyiv last December, in cooperation with our partners we held an international conference on asset recovery where we discussed the insufficient level of progress over the past three years. At the end of the conference we developed a range of specific recommendations aimed to strengthen anti-corruption policy in Ukraine (see Annex). Fulfilling these recommendations will yield positive changes in corruption prevention.

The global anti-corruption movement Transparency International and Transparency International Ukraine are ready to extend assistance in tracing and recovering assets stolen by high-ranking officials under the Yanukovych regime. However, the law enforcement bodies in charge of this work are not willing to cooperate and accept our assistance. We urge you to encourage Ukrainian authorities to commit themselves and to seek cooperation both to prevent and sanction corruption. There is an urgent need to end impunity in the Yanukovych case. This is perceived as a scandal by the world to the detriment of the image of Ukraine

Strong political will and the genuine commitment of Ukrainian authorities coupled with support from international partners like Transparency International will help bring to justice those whose illegal actions led to the Revolution of Dignity. Justice must prevail and impunity must stop.

Yours sincerely,



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