

MOTIVATION LETTER

TI Ukraine Board Member

Corruption in Ukraine is deeply rooted in public institutions and in the business circles, and it is still not perceived as a problem by a significant part of the population. Therefore, the role of active civil society in eliminating corruption is fundamental, both in controlling and advocating public bodies as well as in enhancing peoples' awareness and capacity to react.

Since its foundation in 2014, TI Ukraine, together with other activist groups, has been essential in pushing anti-corruption to the top of the political agenda, providing expertise and innovative tools to tackle corruption and spreading the rule of law and accountability culture in Ukrainian society. Thanks to this advocacy, many things have changed since then, many processes have been started and new public bodies have been set up to prevent and investigate corruption. Over the years, civil society groups have grown and become more confident. Nevertheless, the general attitude of the political institutions has not changed and any progress in anti-corruption still requires much insight, determination and vision.

TI stands out for being a global movement as well as for its expertise and authority in analysing complex situations and its ability to elaborate focussed and effective anti-corruption policies. These skills will be key over the next years in Ukraine where, rather than creation and support of new bodies, the capacity to discern authentic reforms and their effective implementation and to design modern accountability policies will be needed. TI has therefore an essential role and a unique opportunity to substantially contribute to anti-corruption in Ukraine, whilst international institutions might be limited by their own political or diplomatic agendas and local activists' groups might lack in strength and global connections.

I am willing to contribute to the work of TI Ukraine, and I would be honoured to be part of its Board. I would bring my commitment to fight corruption and to foster transparent institutions, which I have demonstrated in my professional life as a prosecutor, a lawmaker and a public manager. I have a good knowledge of Ukraine and its political and social landscape, having worked over the last years on anticorruption with the Ukrainian government, the Verkhovna Rada, civil society groups and law enforcement bodies. I am well known in these circles for my work and commitment. I am confident that my knowledge and expertise in detecting corruption and elaborating appropriate policies will contribute to making TI Ukraine's work more effective and comprehensive. I hope to be able to provide my contribution to a democratic, transparent, and corruption-free Ukraine.

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