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Editor's note

The *Global Corruption Report 2001* concentrates on events in the period July 2000 to June 2001. It uses Transparency International's definition of corruption as the misuse of entrusted power for private gain. This includes both public and private sector corruption, at petty and grand levels. The *Global Corruption Report 2001* is divided into three main sections.

The first section explores corruption across the world in 12 regional reports. These have been written by independent journalists who are, for the most part, from and based in the region on which they report. Regional reports are not works of investigative journalism, but offer summaries of prominent events relating to corruption and the fight against it in 2000–01. Due to this news-driven method, not all countries in each region are included with equal attention, or in some cases at all. Regional reports also focus on region-wide 'trends' in corruption or anti-corruption activities. A trend is defined as a recent development common to a number of countries and manifest in a series of events or initiatives.

The second section of the book focuses on a number of issues that have been of particular importance to the global fight against corruption in 2000–01. Global issues reports, authored by experts, examine the relationship of these issues to corruption, as well as the extent to which public and private sector anti-corruption efforts may have changed the global environment for politics and business. Global issues in this year's report include party financing, money laundering and the international diamond trade. We have also included an update from the OECD on the implementation of the Anti-Bribery Convention.

The final section of the *Global Corruption Report 2001* turns to the findings of research on corruption. This data and research section presents snapshots of ongoing or recently completed research projects – by international organisations, governments, the private sector, NGOs and academics. It focuses on research that is comparative or has used comparative data.

Transparency International chapters, independent journalists and NGOs from around the world present short contributions throughout the GCR about how corruption affects their countries, their concerns and their daily lives. We believe these add a sense of the challenges – and hope – that characterise the present-day fight against corruption.

List of acronyms and abbreviations

ADB	Asian Development Bank
APEC	Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation forum
BIS	Bank for International Settlements
BPI	Bribe Payers Index
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
CPI	Corruption Perceptions Index
CSO	Civil society organisation
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
EU	European Union
FATF	Financial Action Task Force (on Money Laundering)
FDI	Foreign direct investment
G7	Group of seven major industrial democracies (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom and United States)
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GNP	Gross National Product
GRECO	Council of Europe Group of States against Corruption
HDI	Human Development Index
HIPC	Heavily Indebted Poor Countries
IDB	Inter-American Development Bank
IMF	International Monetary Fund
Interpol	International Criminal Police Organisation
Mercosur	Mercado Común del Sur (Southern Cone Common Market)
NGO	Non-governmental organisation
OAS	Organisation of American States
OAU	Organisation of African Unity
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OSCE	Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe
SADC	Southern African Development Community
TI	Transparency International
UEMOA	Economic and Monetary Union of West Africa
UN	United Nations

- UNCTAD** United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- UNDP** United Nations Development Programme
- UNESCO** United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
- UNICRI** United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute
- USAID** United States Agency for International Development
- WBI** World Bank Institute
- WEF** World Economic Forum
- WTO** World Trade Organisation