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The Honourable the Prime Minister, David Cameron  
The President of the United States of America, Barack Obama  
By email per kind favour of the US Embassy and the British High Commission in Pretoria.

26<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Dear Mr Prime Minister and Mr President

**Re: International anti corruption initiative led by the UK and USA**

We welcome your joint announcement during a media conference on 22 April 2016 regarding the co-ordination of efforts to prevent and combat corruption internationally.

Accountability Now is an NGO active in the field of anti-corruption work in Southern Africa having been involved in some of the major recent cases concerning corruption in South Africa both in government and the private sector (by helping to break a cartel of bread manufacturers through the creation of a general class action for the first time in South Africa). The decision of the Constitutional Court in *Glenister II* is, we suggest, the most authoritative pronouncement on corruption, and on what to do to counter it, made by any judiciary in the world. The judgment was delivered on 17 March 2011 and is available on our website <http://accountabilitynow.org.za/hugh-glenister-v-president-republic-south-africa-others/>. It identifies specialization, training, proper resourcing, security of tenure of office of anti-corruption personnel and their independence from interference or political influence as essential to the effectiveness of the machinery of state needed to secure countries against the cancerous scourge of corruption.

Following on this judgment and its successor, *Glenister III* in 2014, we have strenuously advocated for the creation of an Integrity Commission to take the fight to the corrupt.

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A submission to the South African parliament in support of our campaign was made as recently as 15 April 2016. It is well documented on our website and relies upon the judgments to which we have referred you.

In November last year we co-hosted (with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation) a Pan African conference on combating corruption in Cape Town at which various resolutions of relevance to your initiative were taken. The Cape Town Declaration, attached, contains information useful to those whom you task with taking the initiative forward as it distils the expertise and inputs of many leading members of the judiciary, governments, academia, legal professionals and the private sector in Africa and is informed by the pronouncements of the Constitutional Court in the unique Glenister cases which reached that court on three different occasions since 2008.

We are willing to be of assistance in bringing your worthy initiative to successful fruition in a manner that does not involve re-inventing the wheel and is based upon the research conducted by the OECD as relied upon in the judgments in the Glenister cases.

We tentatively envisage:

1. capacitating Interpol to become better corruption busters by inter alia devising training that more than matches the expertise available to organized crime,
2. the activation of an Audit Secretariat at UN level, perhaps regionally organized like the APRM, to review and monitor compliance with the requirements of UNCAC at national level by those countries which have domesticated UNCAC and
3. the creation of "carrot and stick" inducements to join UNCAC for those countries which have not yet done so, using the audit strategies of the World Bank, scaled down to national level, to do so.

What has been lacking hitherto in the fight against corruption is the political will to take corruption as seriously as any threat to world peace of its dimensions internationally should be taken. Your initiative has the potential to change lip service to anti-corruption measures into serious intent to vanquish the corrupt and thereby enhance peace, progress and prosperity in the world. The alternative is the collapse into chaos of weak governments in the third world resulting in mass migration of populations into the first world that will, by comparison, dwarf the current refugee influx crises affecting the EU and it's neighboring countries.

Creating strong institutions of government is a UN sustainable development goal; populating strong institutions with well trained personnel who have the right ethos will help prevent the humanitarian disaster that will follow the failure of weaker states in the third world due to the ravages of corruption. Properly analyzed and construed corruption is a human rights issue worthy of international attention of a highly focused nature. Your initiative is both timely and necessary.

Please refer this communication to the relevant personnel so that appropriate lines of communication can be established and the prospects of mutual collaboration can be explored.

Yours in accountability,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. W. G.', written on a light-colored background.

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