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To the Independent Review Panel for the INGO Accountability Charter

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Subject: TI-S Response Review Panel, Round April 2014

Dear Mr Gormley and members of the Independent Review Panel for the INGO Accountability Charter

Thank you for your Feedback Letter for the Review Round April 2014 which highlights a number of areas requiring improvements from Transparency International Secretariat (TI-S).

Using of the new Gap Analysis Table template will not only help us to strengthen our accountability performance, but indeed also progress on the areas reported upon. Noting your point on the repeating of some information from year to year, we will further our efforts to provide year-specific examples where this concern applies.

Your questions concerning bringing the activities of TI National Chapters into the scope of this report are indeed not new, showing that we have indeed not yet outlined clearly enough in the report how TI-S and TI Chapters actually relate with each other. This is a fundamental question to which we will give heightened attention in the future. In that context, and in response to your feedback, it may be important to clarify, that TI Chapters do not have to provide information on compliance with the INGO Accountability Charter per se, but indeed that the accountability processes between TI-S and Chapters happens to cover a number of areas also addressed by the Accountability Charter.

Most importantly, we much regret the delays in delivering our last report. While this should not illustrate any weakness in our institutional commitment to accountability, it indeed shows our need to better integrate reporting on the INGO Accountability Charter into our broader overall accountability framework. Colleagues will be in touch in the coming weeks with the Charter Secretariat concerning some aspects of the more detailed analysis appended to your letter.

Allow me to express my appreciation for the value of this process and confidence that our next report will show due consideration of your feedback and better demonstrate our passion for accountability.

With kind regards-

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