

To the INGO Charter Independent Review Panel
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Subject: TI-S answer to Charter Panel Review feedback

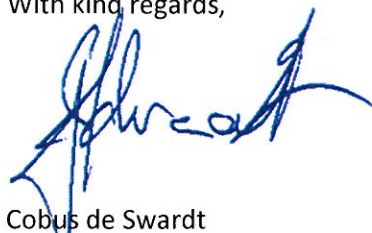
Dear members of the Independent Review Panel

Many thanks for your thorough, considerate feedback to our 2014 report. We share your analysis of the challenges facing our sector and the transformative changes imperative to our sustainability. These also are important drivers of our 2020 Strategy.

The acknowledgement of our progress as well as encouragements to work further on our areas of weaknesses are equally appreciated. With respect to your question as to how the commitments made by our secretariat are made more relevant to National Chapter level, the reality of our network structure does not make this as such an end in itself for us. However, there is indeed a significant overlap between the Charter principles and the criteria that guide our triannual Accreditation Review. As these evolve over time, we have noted with great interest the minimum standards that you have outlined for national level entities and we will follow-up shortly with the INGO Charter Secretariat to understand them better as they may help us to further refine the accountability mechanisms in our network.

We note with appreciation the Panel's decision to seek full reporting from TI-Secretariat every two years and look forward to reporting in the coming months on progress made in 2015. Allow me finally to stress how much we value the framework provided by the Charter and the precious work of the panel against any form of complacency.

With kind regards,



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