

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

THE NATIONAL CRIME AGENCY, ECONOMIC CRIME COMMAND

And

TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL UK

Regarding

RESEARCH INTO CORRUPTION AND ASSOCIATED MONEY LAUNDERING ISSUES

Overview

Transparency International UK ("TI"), the UK Chapter of the world's leading non-governmental anti-corruption network, has established a large body of research relating to UK domestic corruption issues and money laundering and asset recovery relating to corrupt capital entering the UK from around the world. Analysis published by TI-UK is widely recognised as world leading in terms of credibility and impact in anti-corruption and can be attributed to informing business and policy decision making in a wide range of fields.

The National Crime Agency ("NCA") shares multiple goals with TI-UK in terms of:

Prepare. Improving understanding of the threats and risks posed by corruption and the flows of corrupt capital.

Prevent. Bringing operational insights to bear to inform debates about how to close loopholes and minimise opportunities for corruption and associated money laundering

Protect. Using operational insight to inform and improve private sector and public service anti-bribery and anti-money laundering systems.

Pursue. Ensuring that acts of corruption and money laundering of corrupt capital are brought to justice, pursued, disrupted and deterred.

Both organisations aim to increase the knowledge and understanding of corruption as it affects the UK, underpinned by high quality research. It is recognised that creating effective channels for the exchange of expertise between both organisations can enhance the effectiveness of the UK's ability to respond to corruption threats.

Nature of partnership

The partnership will be informal and non-exclusive but with an understanding that where mutually beneficial and appropriate, and dependent on the specific subject matter of individual research topics, both organisations will cooperate to achieve common research goals and objectives.

Examples of cooperation may include:

Insight briefings. Briefing from TI-UK on research or draft analysis, for comment and response of NCA officers with relevant operational expertise.

Data release. Within the bounds of NCA protocol, the NCA to work with TI-UK to identify aggregate and sanitised (or sanitise-able) datasets that may significantly contribute to open source anti-corruption research produced by TI-UK.

Interviews. TI-UK academic interviews of relevant senior officers relevant to specific research projects.

Convening forums. At the mutual interest of the National Crime Agency and TI-UK, TI-UK may be in a position to convene effective meetings or experts across academia, business, legal, activist, and civil society investigators to encourage dialogue between the National Crime Agency and relevant communities.

TI-Network/NCA Liaison Officers contact. Given the remit of NCA International Liaison Officers often involves capacity building activity, it may be appropriate and mutually beneficial to broker a good working relationship between TI Chapters (which exist in over 100 jurisdictions around the world) and NCA International Liaison Officers.

Governance of the partnership

The terms of this MOU can be ceased at any point by either the Executive Director of Transparency International UK or the Director of the Economic Crime Command at the National Crime Agency.

The Executive Director of Transparency International UK and the Director of the Economic Crime Command at the National Crime Agency intend to meet regularly to review current issues and anti-corruption priorities.

Transparency International UK shall contribute to the International Corruption Unit ("ICU") Civil Society Quarterly Meeting and all live projects involving cooperation between the NCA and TI-UK shall, where appropriate, be summarised at the ICU Civil Society Quarterly Meeting.

The National Crime Agency, Economic Crime Command, will designate a partnerships' officer for a day-to-day point of contact.

NCA and TI-UK are able to speak publicly about this arrangement.

Editorial

Any information or data originating from the NCA will be submitted to the NCA for comment and approval before publication. NCA will aim to give such approval within the timeframe necessary for publication. All outputs or publications published by TI-UK will retain TI-UK editorial control and branding.

Signed on behalf of TI-UK



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Robert Barrington, Executive Director, TI-UK

Dated 12th November 2015

Signed on behalf of the National Crime Agency



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Donald Toon, Deputy Director, Economic Crime Command

Dated... 19 November 2015