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Afghanistan

1. On exposing corruption, the Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan commits to:
   - Working together to enhance company disclosure (regarding payments to governments for the sale of oil, gas and minerals), complementing ongoing work within the EITI, reporting progress via the Open Government Partnership or EITI working groups, exploring the scope for a common global reporting standard, and working together to build a common understanding and strengthen the evidence for transparency in this area,
   - Supporting voluntary disclosures through EITI reporting and by some major companies regarding payments to governments for the sale of oil, gas and minerals,
   - Supporting the new 2016 EITI Standard, in particular the requirements on beneficial ownership and the sale of the state’s share of production.

Argentina

1. Expose corruption
   - We commit to promoting the inclusion of Argentina to EITI and to that end, to adapt its standards to the constitutional specifications and political functioning of our country.

Australia

1. Expose corruption

Extractives

   - Australia is working towards compliance with the transparency principles of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), an international coalition that provides a global standard to promote open and accountable management of natural resources. Australia is a long-term supporter of the EITI, and will continue to support the application of EITI principles around the world.
   - We commit to work together to enhance company disclosure (regarding payments to governments for the sale of petroleum and minerals), complementing ongoing work within the EITI. Reporting progress via the Open Government Partnership or EITI working groups, we will explore the scope for a common global reporting standard.
   - We welcome voluntary disclosures through EITI reporting and by some major companies regarding payments to governments for the sale of oil, gas and minerals.
   - We welcome the new 2016 EITI Standard, in particular the requirements on beneficial ownership and the sale of the state’s share of production. Australia is committed to exploring options to address issues related to beneficial ownership information.

Canada

Drive out the culture of corruption, wherever it exists
Canada has been a strong and longstanding supporter of the Extractives Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), including as a Board Member and Committee Chair. Canada is also a major donor, engaging bilaterally in many developing countries, as well as having supported the World Bank’s programing efforts to build in-country capacity to implement EITI and strengthen the overall transparency and responsible management of the extractive sector. We welcome the new 2016 EITI Standard, in particular the requirements on beneficial ownership, aimed at ensuring that countries can maximize revenues by ensuring greater transparency about company ownership.

**Colombia**

- Colombia commits to continue participating and supporting the Extractives Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) and the Open Contracting Partnership (OCP).

**Georgia**

1. **Expose corruption**

Georgia commits to working together with other countries to enhance company disclosure (regarding payments to governments for the sale of oil, gas and minerals), complementing ongoing work within the EITI. Reporting progress via the Open Government Partnership or EITI working groups, we will explore the scope for a common global reporting standard, and work together to build a common understanding and strengthen the evidence for transparency in this area.

**Germany**

2. **Zero Tolerance of corruption, wherever it exists**

**Extractives**

- In 2015, Germany submitted its EITI candidature, which was approved by the EITI board in February 2016. We support the ongoing work within EITI. Reporting progress via EITI working groups, we will explore the scope for a common global reporting standard, and work together to build a common understanding and strengthen the evidence for transparency in this area.

- Germany welcomes voluntary disclosures through EITI reporting and by some major companies regarding payments to governments for the sale of oil, gas and minerals. We welcome the new 2016 EITI Standard, in particular the requirement in particular the requirements on beneficial ownership and the sale of the state’s share of production.

**Ghana**

2. **Beneficial Ownership**

Ghana is committed to preventing the misuse of companies and legal arrangements to hide the proceeds of corruption and commits to:
• strengthening further both the Companies Bill and the Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Bill that are currently before Parliament to ensure that we have public beneficial ownership information and central register for all sectors, including oil and gas sector, in line with UNCAC and FATF Recommendations as well as the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) standards that Ghana is implementing;
• ensuring that accurate and timely company beneficial ownership information, including in the extractives, is available and accessible to the public.

5. Improving Transparency in Commodity Markets

Ghana, as an oil producing country, welcomes the invitation to partner major trading hubs to explore the scope for a common global reporting framework for oil sales transparency, working in partnership with key producer countries which have suffered from theft of oil revenue through grand corruption. As a first step, Ghana will participate in the inaugural Summit meeting on oil sales transparency, and the next EITI trading transparency working group meeting.

Italy

1. Expose corruption

[Extractives]

• Italy commits to work together to enhance company disclosure (regarding payments to governments for the sale of oil, gas and minerals), complementing ongoing work within the EITI.

Japan

1. Expose corruption

[Extractives]

• We commit to work together to enhance company disclosure (regarding payments to governments for the sale of oil, gas and minerals), complementing ongoing work within the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI).

Kenya

1. In regard to exposing corruption

f) We commit to work together to enhance company disclosure, complementing ongoing work within the EITI. Reporting progress via the Open Government Partnership or EITI working groups, we will explore the scope for a common global reporting standard, and work together to build a common understanding and strengthen the evidence for transparency in this area.
**Mexico**

1. Expose Corruption

*Beneficial ownership*

- We commit to exploring interoperability of different data bases regarding public contracts information and business registries.
- We commit to promote that law enforcement agencies at the national/federal level, have full and effective access to beneficial ownership information for companies and other legal entities registered within their jurisdiction.
- We commit to negotiate and implement bilateral arrangements that will ensure parties full and effective access to beneficial ownership information of companies incorporated in the other partner country.
- We will take steps to ensure transparency of the ownership and control of all companies involved in property purchase and public contracting.

*Extractives*

- We welcome voluntary disclosures through the new 2016 EITI reporting standard and by some major companies regarding payments to governments concerning resource extraction, mainly oil, gas and minerals, and are committed in working with civil society, industry and government for the accession to this Initiative.

**Netherlands**

The Netherlands commits to work together to enhance company disclosure (regarding payments to governments for the sale of oil, gas and minerals), complementing ongoing work within the EITI. Reporting progress via the Open Government Partnership or EITI working groups, we will explore the scope for a common global reporting standard, and work together to build a common understanding and strengthen the evidence for transparency in this area. We welcome the new 2016 EITI Standard, in particular the requirements on beneficial ownership and the sale of the state’s share of production.

**Nigeria**

**EXPOSING CORRUPTION**

**(D) Extractive Industry (Oil Sector and Solid Mineral)**

I. We commit to work together to enhance company disclosure on the payments to governments for the sale of oil, gas and minerals, complementing ongoing work within the EITI. (As a member of the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI), Nigeria is already implementing the principles of disclosure required under the EITI).

II. Nigeria is already reporting progress through the EITI working groups and will continue to work with interested countries to build a common understanding and strengthen the evidence for transparency in this area.
III. We welcome voluntary disclosures through EITI reporting and by some major companies regarding payments to governments for the sale of oil, gas and minerals.

IV. We welcome the new 2016 EITI Standard, in particular the requirements on beneficial ownership and the sale of the state’s share of production.

**Norway**

1. Expose corruption

- We support ongoing work within EITI to enhance company disclosure (regarding payments to governments for the sale of oil, gas and minerals). Reporting progress via the Open Government Partnership or EITI working groups, we will explore the scope for a common global reporting standard, and work together to build a common understanding and strengthen the evidence for transparency in this area.
- We welcome voluntary disclosures through EITI reporting and by some major companies regarding payments to governments for the sale of oil, gas and minerals.
- We welcome the new 2016 EITI Standard, in particular the requirements on beneficial ownership.

**Switzerland**

1. Expose corruption

*Extractives*

- We commit to work with relevant stakeholders to enhance company disclosure (regarding payments to governments for the sale of oil, gas and minerals), complementing ongoing work within the EITI. We will explore the scope for a common global reporting standard, and work with relevant stakeholders to build a common understanding and strengthen the evidence for transparency in this area.
- We welcome voluntary disclosures through EITI reporting and by some major companies regarding payments to governments for the sale of oil, gas and minerals.
- We welcome the new 2016 EITI Standard, in particular the requirements on beneficial ownership and the sale of the state’s share of production.

**Tunisia**

- Tunisia is in the final stage towards complying with Open Contracting and EITI principles.

**United Kingdom**

1. Expose corruption

The UK’s public **central register of company beneficial ownership information** for all companies incorporated in the UK will be launched in June 2016. The UK will also establish a public register of
company beneficial ownership information for foreign companies who already own or buy property in the UK, or who bid on UK central government contracts. The UK is a founding country of the initiative for the automatic exchange of beneficial ownership information.

The UK will work with others to **enhance company disclosure regarding payments to government for the sale of oil, gas and minerals**, complementing our commitment to the **Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative**. The UK will, with others, explore the scope for a **common global reporting standard**.

**United States**

**Exposing Corruption**

Transparency in Extractives Sector

- The United States is committed to implementing the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) and published the first United States EITI report in 2015 and will work toward fully complying with the EITI standard, and to achieve EITI compliance no later than 2017. We will continue implementing project-level reporting and satisfy the beneficial ownership requirements consistent with the relevant provisions under the EITI standard. We will also continue to support other countries’ implementation and candidature, and will continue to support EITI financially.

- The United States is committed to implementing a strong rule for Section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act that advances our foreign policy interests in promoting transparency and combatting corruption globally.

**European Commission**

We commit to work together to enhance company disclosure (regarding payments to governments for the sale of oil, gas and minerals), complementing ongoing work within the EITI. Reporting progress via the Open Government Partnership or EITI working groups, we will explore the scope for a common global reporting standard, and work together to build a common understanding and strengthen the evidence for transparency in this area.

We welcome voluntary disclosures through EITI reporting and by some major companies regarding payments to governments for the sale of oil, gas and minerals, timber or logging concessions.

We welcome the new 2016 EITI Standard, in particular the requirements on beneficial ownership and the sale of the state’s share of production.