



## The 10<sup>th</sup> principle against corruption

On 24 June 2004, during the Global Compact Leaders Summit, it was announced that the Global Compact henceforth will include a tenth principle against corruption. This principle reflects the recently adopted United Nations Convention against Corruption.

The following document is aimed at providing a short overview on basic expectations in implementing the 10<sup>th</sup> principle. It also refers to sources and tools that can be used for such process. More detailed information on each topic can be found on our website [www.unglobalcompact.org/anti-corruption](http://www.unglobalcompact.org/anti-corruption)

The wording of the 10<sup>th</sup> principle, as agreed upon during the consultation process, is as follows and should be added to all communication and implementation efforts by participants of the Global Compact:

**Principle 10: “Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.”**

As of 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2004, it is automatically assumed that all participants adhere to all ten principles.

The adoption of the 10<sup>th</sup> principle commits Global Compact participants, not only to avoid bribery, extortion and other forms of corruption, but also to develop policies and concrete programs to address corruption. Companies are challenged to join governments, UN agencies and civil society to create a more transparent and corruption-free global economy.

Specifically, we suggest that Global Compact participants

1. as a first and basic step, introduce anti-corruption policies and programs within their organizations and their business operations;
2. report on their work against corruption in the annual Communication on Progress; and
3. share experiences and best practices through the submission of examples and case stories;
4. furthermore, collaborate with their industry peers to jointly find solutions to fight corruption through sectoral initiatives;
5. collaborate with Transparency International and the International Chamber of Commerce as main provider of tools in the fight against corruption;
6. engage in collective efforts with all stakeholder, e.g. using Transparency International's Integrity Pacts or joining the EITI initiative or Publish What you Pay as a possible approaches;
7. support the ratification and implementation of the UN Convention against Corruption in as many countries as possible.

The work plan of the Global Compact Office will be focused on providing the basic tools and background information for implementation, collecting good practices, cooperating with and leveraging existing initiatives, and supporting dialogues on specific issues. As corruption can take various forms and is often a country and industry specific issue, it is necessary to address specific dilemmas on a case by case approach. Therefore, the Global Compact Office will also focus on developing specific pilot projects at the global and local levels through the establishment of working groups whose results can potentially be scaled up to a broader level or transferred to other industry sectors.

- **Background information on the 10<sup>th</sup> principle**

Background information on the implementation of the 10<sup>th</sup> principle developed together with Transparency International, the International Chamber of Commerce and the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) is provided on the Global Compact website. For the introduction of company anti-bribery policies, the Global Compact Office suggests the use of existing proven tools provided by Transparency International and the International Chamber of Commerce. Another pragmatic sectoral approach is offered by the World Economic Forum's Partnership Against Corruption Initiative (PACI). On the reporting side, one indicator has been added to the table cross-referencing Global Reporting Initiative indicators and Global Compact principles. This was already reflected in the new guidance document on Communication on Progress that was sent on 22 October 2004. The UN Office on Drugs and Crime has joined as sixth core agency of the Global Compact and will act as the "guardian" of the 10<sup>th</sup> principle as well as the main contact for the UN Convention against Corruption.

- **Examples and case studies**

The Global Compact will work on the collection of good practices and examples in cooperation with Transparency International, the International Chamber of Commerce and our local networks. We encourage companies to share their experiences and policies in the area of corruption with other participants and stakeholders through the submission of case studies. We are planning to issue a publication of good practices by fall 2005.

- **Working Group on the 10<sup>th</sup> principle**

The Global Compact Office will start an informal working group of interested stakeholders to discuss further ways to operationalize the 10<sup>th</sup> principle. In this multi-stakeholder group the needs of the business community in implementing the 10<sup>th</sup> principle will be identified. Further, industry specific efforts will be launched or leveraged and specific projects and initiatives on a country level explored. These will help to close the knowledge gap and provide good practices on the ground. A first meeting is planned for January 2005.

We encourage also the establishment of specific anti-corruption working groups on a national level. These local working groups could become the main resource for on the ground issues and the development of national knowledge. Specific projects emerging from national working groups can be presented at the global level to evaluate potential for roll out in other countries or other sectors.



▪ **Upcoming Meetings on 10<sup>th</sup> principle**

January 2005	Global working group meeting on the 10 <sup>th</sup> principle
13-14 Jan 2005	Nordic network meeting on the 10 <sup>th</sup> principle
March 2005	Alliance on Integrity: NEPAD, OECD, Global Compact in partnership with Transparency International will co-sponsor a meeting in Africa on integrity and development
Spring 2005	UNODC Business Roundtable on the UN Convention against Corruption: the role of the private sector in the promotion of the ratification of the UN Convention, as well as on the development of an implementation and self-assessment program for companies
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16/17 November 2004	German network meeting, 16/17 November 2004: First network to host a meeting on the 10 <sup>th</sup> principle
24 Nov 2004	Brazilian Learning Forum covering transparency and the 10 <sup>th</sup> principle

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