CIAN Declaration On the prevention of corruption

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Conseil français des investisseurs en Afrique

Ten years after issuing a Declaration on the Prevention of Corruption On March 18, 2005, the French Investors' Council in Africa (CIAN) Decided to re-demonstrate its commitment to the prevention of Corruption by unanimously adopting this new Declaration at the Its General Meeting of 25 March 2015.

The CIAN, a private professional association that promotes and defends Of companies invested in Africa, encourages its members to work for That the continent is committed to sustainable development.

It considers that if corruption affects all countries without exception, In developing countries that its economic and social impact is more harmful.

The text of the Declaration was drafted by the Anti-Corruption Commission Of the CIAN, which since July 2002 has been designed to help its member companies .To exchange views on the issues of prevention of corruption and the Best practices for anti-corruption compliance.

Declaration

The French Investor Council in Africa:

- a Condemns corruption in all its forms, considers it, as a major obstacle to the development of the continent, and supports the Governments and the civil society initiatives that combat it;
- **b** Notes with satisfaction that an increasing number of African countries have and ratified the African Union and United Nations Anti-Corruption Conventions and calls on other countries to accede to these essential legal instruments to fight against corruption;
- Observes with interest that several African countries have established within their Administration of anti-corruption bodies and encourages these countries to provide them with sufficient capacity to act;
- **1** Supports initiatives taken by the World Bank, the African Development development, the OECD and the United Nations on the African continent to strengthen the fight against corruption and develop adequate prevention tools;
- Calls on all countries that invest in Africa, including those have not signed the OECD Convention, effectively incriminating corruption Foreign public official;
- ② Expresses the willingness of its member companies to implement effective anti-corruption measures in line with good practice International organizations;
- ① Deplores the fact that companies operating in Africa are too often Unwarranted and sometimes threatening solicitations from public officials and recalls that Its Anti-Corruption Commission published a bilingual French For the use of undertakings entitled "Resisting undue the tax and customs field ';
- **b** Encourages African countries to equip their administrations with mediators, Particularly in the regulatory, tax and customs fields, in order to report on administrative situations which often Of precision in the texts, could be pretext for undue solicitations;
- Welcomes the collective actions which, involving several undertakings, The purpose of collectively preventing corruption and of being an inter-Constructive approach to the national authorities; CIAN stresses the importance of and the effectiveness of these collective actions and recommends to its to join by actively contributing to them;
- Calls on the authorities of the African continent and their foreign partners to Intensify their cooperation among themselves and with business and civil society to improve governance and combat corruption in all its forms.

The French Council of Investors in Africa Intends to contribute Actively in the prevention Corruption including:

- Recouraging member companies to work together on good practices in the prevention of corruption in the regular meetings of its Commission anti Corruption;
- Ocliaborate closely with associations and Employer Representations France, Europe and Africa and Support the collective actions that In favor of the prevention of corruption;
- © Support the initiatives taken by the Governments of the African continent the fight against corruption;
- Cooperate fully with the authorities French and their representations in the fight against corruption;
- Listening to the actors of society Civil society active on the continent, which the prevention of corruption;
- Draw the attention of the public authorities Local, French and international European Communities on manifest cases of soil Undue legal burdens on companies Would be faced.

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