

# STANDARDS OF INTEGRITY IN POLITICAL FINANCE

A Global Policy Position

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Transparency International just published its updated standards, which outline measures needed to mitigate corruption risks and promote integrity in political finance

These standards guide global advocacy and provide tools to assess progress and drive reforms





#### **Background and rationale**

- Update of 2009 TI standards
- New issues arising
  - Online Political Advertising
  - Affluent donors dominating funding scene
  - New technologies for disclosure (open data) etc.
- Global advocacy (UNCAC)





# Standards on Political Funding and Favours

The quality of government and the efficacy of democracy are damaged when corruption distorts political party and campaign financing — warping candidate competition and undermining elections. For example, electoral processes can be unduly influenced when sizeable and undisclosed amounts of money are 'donated' to political parties by organisations with their own political agendas. Political parties and candidates may also distort the process when they resort to buying votes rather than focusing on the quality of their campaign messages. Yet the damage may not be confined only to the electoral process. The quality of government is seriously compromised when decisions made by elected politicians benefit those who funded their ascent to power and not the broader public interest.

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#### **Consultation and drafting process**

- 5 Regional Consultations
- Summary and policy options in a discussion paper
- 1 Global Consultation
- 3 Global Briefings







1 TRANSPARE NCY

4 GENDER EQUALITY

CLEAN MONEY IN POLITICS

5 STATE NEUTRALITY

3 FAIRNESS

6 ACCOUNTABILI TY







# ACCOUNTABILITY: POLITICAL FINANCE REGULATIONS MUST BE MONITORED AND

**Effective** oversight body

- Inter-agency cooperation
- Sanctions and ensure enforcement
- Participation from society







### **THANK YOU!**

## **QUESTIONS?**



