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**International conference**  
**“Specialized Anti-Corruption Agencies:**  
**independent to be effective, effective to lose**  
**independence”**

Jurmala (Latvia), March 25- 26, 2010

**PROGRAMME**

The conference is intended as a platform for leading experts and officials in the field of anti-corruption.

The goal of the conference is to analyze contextual reasons for creation of specialized anti-corruption agencies, their most effective institutional set-ups (subordination) and available safeguards against the attempts to weaken their independence. Best practices of organizing anti-corruption work and methodology for monitoring the work of anti-corruption institutions by the civil society will be discussed as well.

**Wednesday, March 24**

During the day	<b>Arrival</b>
19:00- 21:00	<b>Welcome reception</b>

**Thursday, March 25**

9:00- 10:00	<b>Registration</b>
10:00- 11:00	<b>Opening Session &amp; Welcomes</b>  Mr. <b>Valdis Dombrovskis</b> , Prime Minister of Latvia, KNAB supervisor Ms. <b>Lolita Cigane</b> , Chairperson of the Board, Transparency International - Latvia Mr. <b>Normunds Vilnitis</b> , Director of the Corruption Prevention and Combating Bureau of the Republic of Latvia

11:00- 12:30	<p><b>Session I: Contextual factors: when, how and why specialized anti-corruption agencies are created</b></p> <p><i>Key speakers:</i>  Mr. <b>Drago Kos</b>, President, GRECO and Commission for Prevention of Corruption, Republic of Slovenia (to be confirmed)  Mr. <b>Marcin Walecki</b>, Executive Director, European Partnership for Democracy (to be confirmed)  Mr. <b>Valts Kalnins</b>, Researcher, Centre for Public Policy "Providus", Latvia  Mr. <b>Zimantas Pacevicius</b>, Director, Special Investigation Service of the Republic of Lithuania  Ms. <b>Elena Panfilova</b>, Chairperson, Transparency International - Russia</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
12:30- 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30- 15:30	<p><b>Session II: Status of anti-corruption agencies: models conducive to independence and effectiveness</b></p> <p><i>Key speakers:</i>  Mr. <b>Luis de Sousa</b>, Coordinator of Anchorage-Net, Portugal  Mr. <b>Martin Kreutner</b>, European partners against Corruption, President, Austria  Mr. <b>Pawel Wojtunik</b>, Head of the Central Anticorruption Bureau, Poland  Mr. <b>Stanislav Aleksandrov</b>, Anti-corruption expert, Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative, EC  Dr. <b>Rasma Karklina</b>, Anti-corruption Adviser to Minister of Defence of Latvia</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
15:30- 15:50	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:50- 17:50	<p><b>Session III: The role of civil society in safeguarding the independence of Anti-Corruption Agencies: monitoring methodologies</b></p> <p><i>Key speakers:</i>  Ms. <b>Inga Liepa-Meiere</b>, Legal Analyst, Transparency International - Latvia, <i>Methodology for Civil Society Monitoring of KNAB activities and research of the work of KNAB</i>  Mr. <b>Grzegorz Makowski</b>, Senior Analyst and Project Manager, at the Institute of Public Affairs, Poland (to be confirmed)  Ms. <b>Inese Voika</b>, Member of the Board, TI Latvia</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
17:50- 18:00	<p><b>Closing the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Conference</b>  Ms. <b>Lolita Cigane</b>, Chair of Council, Transparency International Latvia</p>

Friday, March 26

09.30- 11.00	<p><b>IV session: Investigative function of anti-corruption agencies and cooperation with other institutions (courts, prosecution)</b></p> <p>Key speakers:</p> <p><b>Ms. Juta Striķe</b>, Deputy Director of the Corruption Prevention and Combating Bureau of the Republic of Latvia (to be confirmed)</p> <p><b>Mr. Wolfgang Hetzer</b>, European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) Representative of the Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Latvia (to be confirmed)</p>
11.00- 12.30	<p><b>Work in workshops (Part I):</b></p> <p><b>Workshop 1:</b> Status of anti-corruption agencies and survival in the face of political pressure</p> <p><b>Workshop 2:</b> Prevention of corruption and social involvement</p> <p><b>Workshop 3:</b> Control of the financing of political parties</p> <p><b>Workshop 4:</b> Causes of corruption and effective counter-measures: the role of research &amp; analysis</p>
12:30- 13:30	<p><i>Lunch</i></p>
13:30- 13:50	<p><b>Work in workshops (Part II)</b></p>
13:50- 14:50	<p><b>Presentations of the results of workshops</b></p>
14:50- 15:20	<p><b>Closing of the Conference</b></p>