

TI's Policy on involvement in Concrete Cases

TI exists to promote systemic and sustainable change towards a world free of corruption. Such a strategy can gain credibility, momentum and impact, particularly when it leads to tangible help to the victims and witnesses of corruption. It implies that TI will not shy away from “naming names” or exposing individual cases if it believes it necessary to achieve these aims.

However, if any entity of TI decides to become involved in a particular corruption case – be it, but not limited to, through ALACs, public interest litigation or public comment – it should do it with utmost care and robust legal, political and financial risk assessment. Ground rules for such potential involvement in individual cases can be summarized as follows:

- TI always respects and operates in full compliance with the core values and principles of the TI movement, as defined in the “Statement of Vision, Values and Guiding Principles for Transparency International”.
- TI is bound by national legal requirements regarding the extent to which it can collect information and what methods it can use to do so.
- No one should in a TI capacity comment or get involved in a particular case in a particular country without first consulting the appropriate National Chapter, if applicable.
- TI must avoid taking sides in partisan conflicts, and must at all time follow the requirements of the rule of law in all its actions, statements and publications.
- Comments and actions should focus on the systemic questions raised in each case rather than the particulars of the individual case.

While helping the victims and witnesses of corruption might require actions that go beyond awareness-raising – e.g. research on the case - TI should not pose itself as an investigator.

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