

Topic b: The Fight Against Government Corruption Linked To Drug Trafficking

Background:

In the late 1990s, Transparency International (TI), a non-governmental organization headquartered in Berlin, began to systematically monitor corruption throughout the world. TI exploited a simple fact: There are tens of thousands of people who experience corrupt practices every day.

Every year since the late 1990s, TI has issued a report that gives each country that it covers a score, from zero (most corrupt) to ten (least corrupt). Each report is available here: (<http://www.theglobalist.com/a-very-brief-history-of-corruption/>)

Basic definitions:

Democracy: a form of government in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised directly by them or by their elected agents under a free electoral system.

Subjugation: the act, fact, or process of subjugating, or bringing under control; enslavement.

Crooked: not straight; bending; curved. (When we use this term is to define a person who do things the wrong way.

Present situation:

There is no universal definition of corruption, but it is generally agreed that corruption is the illegal use of public power by a public official for private gain.

While corruption may manifest itself in a simple manner, in many cases it is carried out through complex methods involving cross-border transaction.

Delivery of justice and other services by Government to the population can be negatively affected by corruption. Its effects are more devastating on the poor who are not capable of seeking private services such as medical and legal aid.

Corruption also affects investment, proper trade and genuine economic activities.

Now, in 2015, although the society around the world is better and more developed we can still see that there's corruption everywhere, in fact, in some countries the corruption we see now is worse than in the past days.

Corruption is present in each and everyone's lives, but there's some countries where it's affecting more.

Some of the most corrupt countries are:

Somalia, North Korea, Sudan, Afghanistan, Iraq, Haiti, Yemen, Venezuela, Syria, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Angola.

The four least corrupt countries are Denmark, New Zealand, Finland, and Sweden, while the US came in 17th.

To see more information of your country, you can see in here:

<http://www.transparency.org/cpi2014>

Last resolutions:

Preparatory and negotiating sessions of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Negotiation of a Convention against Corruption

Intergovernmental Open-ended Expert Group on the Preparation of Draft Terms of Reference for the Negotiation of the Future Legal Instrument against corruption

(Vienna, 30 July - 3 August 2001)

Informal Preparatory Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Negotiation of a Convention against Corruption

(Buenos Aires, 4-7 December 2001)

Ad Hoc Committee for the Negotiation of a Convention against Corruption

High-level Political Conference for the Purpose of Signing the United Nations Convention against Corruption

(Merida, Mexico, 9-11 December 2003)

Signatories

Related speeches and press releases

31 October 2003

Statement on the Adoption By the General Assembly of the

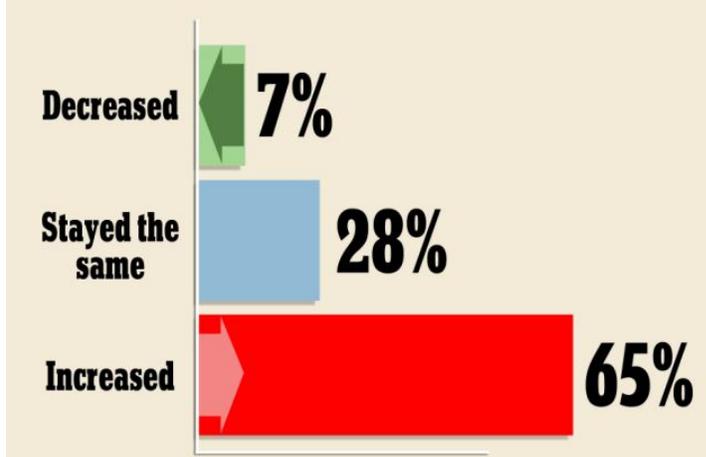
United Nations Convention Against Corruption by the Secretary-General

2 October 2003

Statistics:

GENERAL CORRUPTION STATISTICS:

Over the past two years, how has the level of corruption in this country changed?



Questions:

What is the current situation in my country?

Which are the causes?

What has the government done to help?

What consequences corruption has brought to my country?

Has the corruption in my country decreased or increased?

What can the citizens do?

What can the government do?

Which is the actual situation with this problem around the world?

How can we help in the fight to stop corruption?

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