

## European Parliament elections 2014

### Anti-Corruption Pledge/Declaration against Corruption

The 2013 EU anti-corruption report demonstrated corruption is a persistent problem across the 28 member states of the European Union and that urgent action is needed.

Throughout the mandate of the next European Parliament (2014-2019) I am/political party X is committed to fighting corruption and promoting transparency, accountability and integrity in EU institutions, policies and legislation.

Specifically, I commit myself to working/ we will ensure our MEPs work in consultation with civil society and others to achieve the following aims:

**1. The governance and law-making of EU institutions will become a global model of transparency, accountability and integrity, establishing the highest standards.**

I/we commit to upholding both the letter and spirit of the Code of Conduct for MEPs and will publish a 'legislative footprint' that will be attached to any report that I am/our MEPs are responsible for drafting in my/our term in office.

**2. The EU will promote greater integrity and transparency in public spending. It will ensure that all information on EU funds is published in a manner that is easily accessible and usable by citizens, for example by conforming to open data principles. EU public procurement rules will take account of open contracting principles and have effective methods to deal with conflicts of interest. This applies to spending by EU and national bodies.**

**3. The EU will promote initiatives and legislation that will provide effective protection to whistleblowers in the public, private and non-profit sectors.**

#### What happens after I sign the pledge?

Once you have signed the pledge, Transparency International Denmark will be in touch to reconfirm that you are willing to have your pledge commitment published on our website. This pledge will be signed by candidates across the EU and

Transparency International will keep a record of those who have signed. If elected to the European Parliament, Transparency International chapter Denmark and the Transparency International EU Office will arrange a meeting to discuss in more detail how the pledge commitments can be implemented and to provide further guidance where necessary.

Date: 20.05.2014

Signed,



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## **Annex**

### **1. EU institutions as model of transparency, accountability and integrity**

Parliaments are a cornerstone of democracy. In order for a parliament to function properly, it is crucial that it represents the interests of citizens and that it is widely trusted to do so. However a recent Eurobarometer survey showed that 70% of EU citizens believe corruption exists in the institutions.<sup>1</sup> In 2011 the European Parliament passed its Code of Conduct,<sup>2</sup> setting out what is legal and acceptable behaviour for MEPs. The Code of Conduct bans MEPs from acting as lobbyists and

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<sup>1</sup> European Commission: Special Eurobarometer 397 – Corruption  
([http://ec.europa.eu/public\\_opinion/archives/ebs/ebs\\_397\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/public_opinion/archives/ebs/ebs_397_en.pdf))

<sup>2</sup> European Parliament: Code of Conduct  
(<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/aboutparliament/en/0060f4f133/Ethics-and-transparency.html>)