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The Netherlands Country Statement

The Netherlands commits to establishing public central registers of company beneficial ownership information. The Netherlands commits to ensuring that law enforcement agencies have full and effective access to beneficial ownership information for companies and other legal entities registered within their jurisdiction. The Netherlands will take steps to ensure transparency of the ownership and control of all companies involved in property purchase and public contracting. The Netherlands welcomes the pilot initiative for automatic exchange of beneficial information.

The Netherlands commits to deploying public-private information sharing partnerships to bring together governments, law enforcement, regulators and the financial sector to detect, prevent and disrupt money laundering linked to corruption.

The Netherlands supports the development of common principles governing the payment of compensation to the countries affected, to ensure that such payments are made safely, fairly and in a transparent manner.

The Netherlands reaffirms its commitment to the Common Reporting Standard initiative. The Netherlands also reaffirms its commitment to the Addis Tax Initiative.

The Netherlands commits to work together to enhance company disclosure (regarding payments to governments for the sale of oil, gas and minerals), complementing ongoing work within the EITI. Reporting progress via the Open Government Partnership or EITI working groups, we will explore the scope for a common global reporting standard, and work together to build a common understanding and strengthen the evidence for transparency in this area.

We welcome the new 2016 EITI Standard, in particular the requirements on beneficial ownership and the sale of the state's share of production.

The Netherlands supports the development of a global commitment for public country by country reporting on tax information for large multinational enterprises.

The Netherlands welcomes the proposal to establish an International Anti-Corruption Law Enforcement Coordination Centre, which will work closely with relevant international and national organisations, including FIUs, and support countries that have suffered from grand corruption.

The Netherlands will explore ways to further strengthen its already strong asset recovery legislation. The Netherlands supports a broader use of the global and regional asset recovery practitioners' networks to obtain investigative and legal assistance in tracing and freezing the proceeds of corruption.

The Netherlands welcomes the development of internationally-endorsed voluntary guidelines for the transparent and accountable management of returned stolen assets and call upon the UNODC to lead this process.

The Netherlands is committed to create strong institutions to promote institutional integrity and fight corruption in all its forms. To this end we will continue to support institutional partnerships aimed at promoting integrity within institutions.

The Netherlands welcomes the creation of an Innovation Hub that will facilitate the uptake of new approaches and technologies to tackle corruption.

The Netherlands will work with others countries, civil society and international organisations to support accelerated implementation of the voluntary provisions of the UN Convention Against Corruption.

The Netherlands welcomes and supports the establishment of an OECD Anti-corruption centre to strengthen the impact and coherence of the existing OECD anti-corruption work.