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Background

Corruption is a fundamental threat to human security and peace. Where corruption is rampant, conflict is not far. All of the ten lowest-ranking countries in Transparency International's [2022 Corruption Perceptions Index](#) (CPI

are frequently overlooked when it comes to anti-corruption measures, or given a special pass. This is despite the defence and security sectors being exceptionally prone to corruption, due to their particularly high levels of secrecy, complexity, and spending. 62% of the countries ranked in Transparency International's [Government Defence Integrity Index](#) (GDI) indicate high to critical levels of corruption risks across their defence sectors. Perhaps unsurprisingly, five of the ten lowest-ranking countries on the GDI also show low to very low levels of peace according to the GPI.

Chapeau

(Add your concise, concrete, and action-oriented language for the Chapeau)

Our vision for a New Agenda for Peace which enables our collective security system to better prevent, manage and resolve conflicts, guided by principles of trust, solidarity and universality, necessitates global efforts to address the drivers of conflict and insecurity. Corruption, conflict and instability are fundamentally intertwined, and prioritising the fight against corruption is a crucial step in breaking the threat that this toxic nexus poses for present and future generations.

Addressing corruption in the defence and security sectors, those whose very role it is to provide security and protection to populations, is of particular urgency. Prioritising the building of more effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions in these sectors is crucial for the achievement of sustainable and human-centred peace and security. These long-term goals, for which anti-corruption is a crucial pre-requisite, must not take a back-seat to shorter-term security goals.

States Parties:

Acknowledging that corruption has a devastating impact on societies, economies, political cohesion, and conflict prevention;

Noting that corruption depletes state resources, erodes public trust in state institutions, causes societal grievances, undermines the rule of law, empowers non-state and extremist armed groups, and weakens defence and security institutions, thereby posing a fundamental threat to security;

Recognising that corruption can serve as a weapon of statecraft, destabilising even strong democracies;

Understanding that corruption in defence and security has a particularly pernicious effect on human, state, and international security, undermining the effectiveness of security forces, facilitating the proliferation of weapons, and increasing the risk of conflict;

Concerned about the resultant threat to global

- Urges States Parties to take concrete steps to prevent and combat corruption in the defence and security sectors by strengthening their legal and institutional frameworks, enhancing transparency and accountability, and promoting public participation in decision-making processes;
- Encourages States Parties to develop and implement national action plans on corruption in the defence and security sectors;
- Urges States Parties to provide adequate resources and support to anti-corruption agencies and other institutions responsible for preventing and combating corruption in the defence and security sectors.

Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development

Chapter III. Science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation

(Add your organization's concise, concrete, and action-oriented recommendations for Chapter 3)

Chapter IV. Youth and future generations

(Add your organization's concise, concrete, and action-oriented recommendations for Chapter 4)

Chapter V. Transforming global governance

(Add your organization's concise, concrete, and action-oriented recommendations for Chapter 5)