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Honourable Mr Ambassador

It is our honour and pleasure to transmit a copy of Transparency Internationals' letter to the Secretary General for your consideration.

TI Switzerland would like to bring to your attention the importance of this letter for the following reasons:

Firstly, Switzerland has considerably and substantially contributed through Mark Pieth, Professor of Criminal Law and Criminology at the University of Basle, as a member of the Independent Inquiry Committee into Iraq's Oil-for-Food Programme to the work of the Committee.

Secondly, the Swiss authorities have taken serious measures and conducted investigations into thirty-six companies based in Switzerland, mentioned in the UN Independent Inquiry Committee's Volcker Report of 27th October 2005. As yet, Swiss authorities have also terminated investigations into the Oil-for-Food allegations.

Thanks to the fruitful cooperation between the federal and cantonal authorities, a total amount of more than 17 million CHF has successfully been seized in Switzerland. We believe that this reflects the commitment of Switzerland to ensure the integrity of the Swiss marketplace.

TI-CH believes that it is crucial that Switzerland continues to play its role at the international level and we request that the UN do not give up on the outstanding investigations.

We hope that this letter will receive your full support and we thank you, Mr Ambassador, in advance for your kind action.

Yours sincerely



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