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Giampiero Massolo
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Dear Giampiero Massolo,

We welcome the 2007 Group of Eight (G8) commitment to fully implement anti-corruption obligations under international agreements, and the *2008 Accountability Report: Implementation Review of G8 Anti-Corruption Commitments*. We call on the G8 to issue a *2009 Accountability Report* with consistent and specific indicators of how commitments are being implemented. TI respectfully submits recommendations for this year's report, which were initially provided to G8 sherpas on October 22, 2008.

The 2008 *Accountability Report* was an important initial step toward demonstrating that G8 pledges will be kept. This year's report should provide consistency in responses across countries with respect to implementation of important international agreements, particularly the OECD Convention on Bribery of Foreign Public Officials and the UN Convention Against Corruption. Greater specificity reflecting what has been accomplished will help provide the basis for benchmarking future progress.

The deepening global financial crisis underscores the urgent need for reform of the global financial system to enhance transparency and accountability. The *2009 Accountability Report* should indicate what steps have been taken to achieve this objective and the attached recommendations suggest areas of importance.

We appreciate your consideration of our recommendations and look forward to the G8's leadership in setting an example of accountability.

Sincerely,

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Chair
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