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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

We understand that funding has been terminated for the UN Procurement Task Force investigating allegations of corruption from the Oil-for-Food program, leaving open 175 investigations. It is of urgent and critical importance to ensure that the OIOS move forward promptly to secure the expertise and capacity necessary to complete the outstanding investigations. This would allow this Office to hire the Task Force's experienced staff in order to provide for a seamless completion of these investigations. Further, the OIOS needs the capacity and the broad mandate that permits it to vigorously investigate allegations and sanction staff and contractors who engage in bribery, collusion or fraud in procurement with UN funds.

We have appreciated your leadership and commitment to the anti-corruption agenda, notably the UNCAC and UN Global Compact. Your support for a strong, appropriately staffed OIOS will send a clear and essential signal to the signatories of these arrangements that the UN is committed to integrity and accountability in its own operations.

I would be most pleased to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss this and the broader UN anti-corruption agenda.

Kind regards,



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Chair