ANTICORRUPTION

Why fight corruption?

+ **Promotes** stability, the rule of law, human rights, and democracy
+ **Enhances** economic growth in foreign markets, and levels the playing field for American businesses
+ **Strengthens** our law enforcement partners
+ **Combats** transnational crime, terror, and illegal trade operations

The United States believes addressing corruption begins with countries around the world sharing a common vision and a strong commitment to taking practical steps to prevent and prosecute corruption. This is why the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) is leading U.S. engagement to develop and implement effective international anticorruption principles, standards, and commitments -- such as the UN Convention against Corruption -- that advance this common vision. INL is also on-the-ground, strengthening the ability of governments and their citizens to promote better public transparency, accountability, and integrity.

INL supported Ukraine's Ministry of Interior in recruiting and training 7,000 new police, revitalizing a police force which had struggled with corruption and restoring citizen trust. In Nigeria, INL is providing hands on mentoring to investigators and prosecutors going after the country's most corrupt officials. In a global environment, INL also works with regional and international bodies to bring law enforcement officials together to build networks for cross-border collaboration on cases, compare notes on good practices, and build capacity. INL supports these peer networks and regional initiatives in Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Africa, the Americas, and the Asia-Pacific.

Denying corrupt individuals access to the U.S. and global financial systems ensures that there are consequences for those who engage in corruption. INL coordinates special visa legal authorities that can bar entry of the corrupt and their families to the United States and deny access to American resources. We also work with the U.S. Department of Justice and international organizations to help countries pursue the proceeds of corruption located abroad.

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