

## **International Anti-Corruption Conference 2018 in Copenhagen**

### **Anti-corruption statement**

#### **(Republic of Korea – Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission)**

##### **1. Preamble**

- The current Korean government came to power with a strong support from the citizens who expressed their longing for a fair and transparent society through peace candlelight vigils. The Moon Jae-in administration pledged to make “Korea a just nation and a nation of the people” and put rooting out corruption on the top of the agenda in its policy tasks.
- The administration, with an aim to implement comprehensive anti-corruption policies in a systemic manner, launched Anti-Corruption Policy Council consisting of major anti-corruption related agencies and Public-Private Partnership Council for Transparent Society consisting of representatives of the economic circle, professional association, the media, civil society organizations and other groups from various walks of life.
- The Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission, as the nation’s primary anti-corruption agency, developed a mid-to-long term national road map for government-wide anti-corruption policies, named Five-year Comprehensive Anti-Corruption Plan. The plan was drawn up based on the opinion collected through the Public-Private Partnership Council for Transparent Society, which then was tabled to the Anti-Corruption Policy Council. The national anti-corruption plan, which covers commitments to achieve integrity in the public and private sector, contains commitments as follows :

##### **2. Statement of anti-corruption commitments**

###### **■ Integrity Together**

- We, for the purpose of discussion on government-wide anti-corruption policy implementation and improvement on laws and regulations, commit to operate Anti-Corruption Policy Council which is chaired by the President and consists of major anti-corruption related authorities such as Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission (ACRC), Korea Fair Trade Commission, Ministry of Justice, and National Tax Service.
- We commit to put forth anti-corruption policies that people relate to their life by operating Public-Private Partnership Council for Transparent Society which enables people from every walk of life including the public sector, economic circle, professional association, and civil society organizations to take part in the overall process of formulation, execution, and evaluation of government policies.
- We commit to re-organize the ACRC into an agency with a stronger focus on anti-corruption and integrity functions to satisfy the public call for anti-corruption reform and to fully perform anti-corruption control tower of Korea.

## ■ **Clean Public Sector**

- We, with an aim to prevent budget waste caused by illicit claims for public fund, commit to enact the Act on the Prevention of False Claims of Public Funds and improve other related laws and regulations, as well as strengthening monitoring and inspection on the possibility of public fund leakage from such as illicit receipt of government subsidies.
- We commit to improve relevant laws and regulations to strengthen the system to prevent conflict of interests of public officials and to enable public officials to reject their superiors' illegal instructions
- We commit to end employment irregularities in public organizations, which have been frequently cited as a corruption-prone area, by building government-wide cooperation system to exclude those involved in irregularities from the work concerned, to provide grounds for removing them from their post, and to strengthen management of employment-related information.
- We, for the purpose of preventing business-political collusion which has been frequently cited as a main cause of various disasters and accidents, commit to prohibit awarding an unfair contract to a retired public official's organization and to strengthen management and supervision on industries with high entry barrier such as port and shipping.

## ■ **Transparent Business Environment**

- We commit to promote awarding outside board directors, compliance officers, and compliance assistants with authorities to supervise and control corporate compliance management and commit to expand public disclosure of important business management risk information.
- We commit to enhance integrity in the private sector by guaranteeing outside auditors' independence for stronger business accounting transparency and by taking business accounting compliance data into account in the selection of subjects of government regular tax audit
- We commit to pursue assessing private sector integrity level by systemically diagnosing integrity level and corruption-causing factors in the private sector to support the private sector with their voluntary integrity efforts.

## ■ **Integrity in Action**

- We, with an aim to strengthen effectiveness of disciplinary measures against corrupt officials, commit to impose stronger crackdown and punishment on five major acts of corruption (bribery, influence-peddling, improper solicitation, embezzlement, and breach of trust) and proactively recover proceeds of such crimes. We also commit to apply zero-tolerance to public officials committing corruption.
- We commit to promote whistleblowing on public interest violation by enhancing protection for whistleblowers with a system to allow them to have their cases reported by an attorney, by guaranteeing the recovery of their tarnished reputation, and by fostering positive image

on whistleblowing.

- We commit to internalize integrity awareness of the future generation by strengthening life-cycle integrity education for not only public officials but also citizens of all walks of life, such as children, secondary, primary and college students, and would-be public officials.
- We commit to expand anti-corruption cooperation with the global community by fully implementing global anti-corruption compacts through inter-government agency cooperation and by pushing forward with hosting the "International Anti-Corruption Conference" in 2020.