

Business calls on G20 and OECD to address solicitation of bribes

Paris, 28 April 2011 – “Fighting public officials’ solicitation of bribes must be a priority in order to combat corruption,” says Mr. Jean Monville, Chairman of the BIAC Task Force on Bribery and Corruption. “BIAC is committed to creation of a clean global business environment and the goals of the G20 Anti-Corruption Action Plan; this will necessitate deeper co-operation between business and Governments.”

Speaking at the G20-OECD Conference 'Joining Forces against Corruption: G20 Business and Government', Mr. Monville emphasised the importance of looking at all aspects of corruption. “The OECD, with support of BIAC, has been leading the international fight against corruption by means of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention. However, this landmark treaty has focused on the bribing of public foreign officials. Addressing solicitation would make the fight against corruption by Governments and international organisations even more effective and relevant.”

Mr. Monville also called on G20 countries not Party to the OECD Convention to join as soon as possible, and highlighted the need for adhering Governments to strengthen the national enforcement of the rules of the Convention.

“Government focus on combating solicitation of bribes and OECD outreach to non-adhering countries would result in creating a more level playing field for international business to operate and strengthen the fight against corruption,” said Mr. Monville.

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