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Happy New Year! We are pleased to report that 2006 is already off to a great start with a successful visit by Transparency International Chairman Huguette Labelle and CEO David Nussbaum. The following is a brief note on highlights of our meetings with TI-USA leadership, the UN Secretary General Chef de Cabinet and Under-Secretary General, the presidents of the World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank and the USAID Acting Administrator.

Thanks to those who participated in our New York and Washington, D.C. meetings. David and Huguette welcomed the opportunity to meet with US chapter leaders and others from the corporate and non-profit communities, and to learn about the wide-range of anti-corruption activities in which we are all engaged.

In New York, we met with **Mark Malloch Brown, Chef de Cabinet to U.N. Secretary General Koffi Annan, and Inga-Britt Ahlenius, U.N. Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services**, to discuss several issues, including the importance of continued access for prosecutors to the Oil-for-Food documents. We underscored the importance of ensuring political and financial support for a monitoring mechanism for the UN Convention Against Corruption, and welcomed current reform efforts to enhance UN internal governance and procurement controls.

We had a productive meeting with the **Ford Foundation**, regarding their support for the TI endowment. We are cautiously optimistic we will have good progress this year.

We were pleased to secure introductory meetings with **World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz and Inter-American Development Bank President Luis Alberto Moreno** on short notice. Thanks to David de Ferranti for his assistance in our preparations. Among the issues discussed, we raised the importance of greater due diligence and recommended that a corruption risk assessment be conducted prior to all public and private sector lending. We urged the World Bank to move promptly to assess the "lessons learned" from its investigation of over 2,000 corruption cases and to modify its operating and lending procedures accordingly. We put forward TI's long-standing recommendation that the banks require bidders on bank-financed projects to have an anti-bribery compliance programs and suggested the TI Business Principles for Countering Bribery as a model. We believe these and other issues discussed will provide a strong foundation for future cooperation.

We met with **USAID Acting Administrator** Fred Scheck to thank him for USAID's support to TI since its earliest days and to discuss ways in which we can build on this long-standing relationship.

In sum, the meetings were positive, moving us forward on key elements of our strategic plan and laying the groundwork for future engagement. We would be happy to discuss these meetings with you in greater detail. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Best regards,

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