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Subject: Partial summary record of the meeting of the European Parliament **Special committee on organised crime, corruption and money laundering (CRIM)**, held in Brussels on 23 and 24 January 2013

The meeting was chaired by Ms Alfano (ALDE, IT). The agenda was adopted as proposed. Mr Binev (EFD, BG) proposed that CRIM would discuss as soon as possible the issue of corruption in Bulgaria. The Chair said this would be later discussed by the coordinators. She announced the new coordinator for the Greens/EFA was Mr Albrecht.

Item 4 on the agenda

Election of the 1st Vice-Chair

This item was postponed.

Item 5 on the agenda

Organised crime, corruption and money laundering

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Rapporteur: Salvatore Iacolino (PPE)

Responsible: CRIM –

- **Consideration of working document**

The Rapporteur thanked the authors of the four thematic papers on corruption, namely Mrs Gabriel (EPP, BG), Mrs Weiler (S&D, DE), Mr Skylakakis (ALDE, EL) and Mr DE JONG (GUE/NGL, NL). He stressed that an effective fight against corruption should be based on a uniform and consistent EU-level legislative framework as well as additional preventive measures. He proposed to strengthen mechanisms for transparency in the public administration, including specific measures for ineligibility for public office for those convicted of corruption, to establish codes of ethics for political parties in particular in relation to their funding. He also spoke about possible use of 'agent provocateurs' in order to improve the detection rate of corruption, and of improving mechanisms for data-collection and monitoring of corruption in the EU. In the private sphere he advocated changes to tender procedures in order to exclude those convicted for corruption and other serious crimes from benefiting from such contracts.

During the discussion the Chair stressed the need for CRIM to produce a report with an all encompassing package of measures to be taken at the EU level in the interest of EU citizens and in order to protect EU funds. Such package, she explained, would contain best national practices and she would very much support the creation of various 'ineligibility lists' and implementation of ethical codes. Mr Newton-Dunn (ALDE, UK) suggested that the common definition of corruption should include reference to 'covert' and 'secret'. He stressed that lead from the top was necessary in order to fight corruption and agreed that more transparency in funding of political parties was needed. He did not however support the proposed use of 'agent provocateur'. Mr Borghezio (EFD, IT) suggested the report focus even more on the role of prevention and monitoring, suggesting the creation of a permanent observatory at the EU level to monitor corruption. He agreed with the previous speaker that the report should reflect on the funding of political parties as well as trade unions.

Ms Iotova (S&D, BG) said that in her view code of conducts were often empty words on paper and called for more categorical measures to address corruption in politics and stressed that criminal convictions for corruption were rare.

The Rapporteur thanked the shadows for their contribution to the debate and announced he would be presenting the third working paper on money laundering at the next CRIM meeting.

Item 12 on the agenda

Next meeting(s)

18 February 2013, 15.00-18.30

19 February 2013, 9.00-12.30 and 15.00-18.30
