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Session Title: Electoral Corruption

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Main Issues Covered (500 words or more, narrative form)

The session addressed the major campaigns mobilizations the Brazilian society through the collection of almost 3 million signatures in the country favoring the approval of the only two popular initiative anti-corruption laws (Law No. 9840 of 1999, popularly known as the "Law against vote buying")

We talked about the MCCE's mobilization of the Brazilian society through the collection of almost 3 million signatures in the country favouring the approval of the only two popular initiative anti-corruption laws . Law No. 9840 of 1999, popularly known as the "Law against vote buying", allows the forfeiture of electoral registries and diplomas acquired by the practice of buying votes or the electoral use of the public administration machinery.

It was also responsible for the campaign which enabled the approval of Complementary Law No. 135 of 2010, known as the "Clean Record Law".

Main Outcomes/Outputs

The main outcomes was the great interest of foreign participants on process of mobilization of Brazilians in collecting signatures to the popular initiative anti-corruption laws.

For the Brazilian participants, the main results was the spread and application of the laws of Brazil and the most efficient ways to control these laws.

Recommendations, follow-up Actions (200 words narrative form)

Corruption is one of the greatest evils that a people can suffer, especially when related to politics.

MCCE estimates that the “Law against Vote Buying” and the “Clean Record Law” already withdrew (from 2000 to 2012) thousands of politicians, banning them from taking office preventing them from reproducing corruption, and repelling them from the positions for which they were elected.

The MCCE would like all countries suffering from electoral corruption one day could have access to these advances. Transparency International could help them with that?

Highlights (200 words please include interesting quotes)

We suggest that the Transparency International to disclose as soon as possible the achievements of MCCE laws in favor of Brazilian popular ("Law buying votes" and "Clean Slate Act") for all countries.

Key Insights Recommended to be included in the IACC Declaration

Creating popular anticorruption committees with three scopes of work as the MCCE:

- 1) Monitoring: tracks the actions of the parliament in relation to Laws and performs social control of the government's budget and the public administration machinery. It aims to prevent the diversion of public resources for electoral purposes and monitor the actions of candidates.
- 2) Surveillance: it aims to ensure the fulfillment of Laws, through the receipt of complaints, process monitoring and submitting referrals the competent authorities.
- 3) Education: it contributes to the awareness of voters that "voting has no price, it has consequences." Actions such as meetings, presentations, and seminars are thus offered in municipalities by committees. Printed material, such as booklets, brochures and posters may be distributed during the events.

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