

European Parliament elections 2014

Declaration against Corruption

The 2013 EU anti-corruption report demonstrated corruption is a persistent problem across the 28 member states of the European Union and that urgent action is needed.

Throughout the mandate of the next European Parliament (2014-2019) I am committed to fighting corruption and promoting transparency, accountability and integrity in EU institutions, policies and legislation.

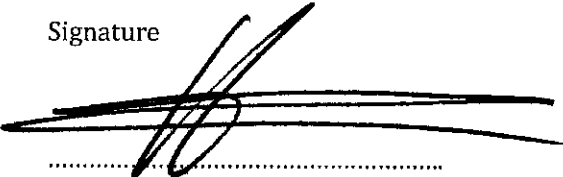
Specifically, I commit myself to working in consultation with civil society and others to achieve the following aims:

1. **The governance and law-making of EU institutions will become a global model of transparency, accountability and integrity, establishing the highest standards. I/we commit to upholding both the letter and spirit of the Code of Conduct for MEPs and will publish a 'legislative footprint' that will be attached to any report that I am responsible for drafting in my in office.**
2. **The EU will promote greater integrity and transparency in public spending. It will ensure that all information on EU funds is published in a manner that is easily accessible and usable by citizens, for example by conforming to open data principles. EU public procurement rules will take account of open contracting principles and have effective methods to deal with conflicts of interest. This applies to spending by EU and national bodies.**
3. **The EU will promote initiatives and legislation that will provide effective protection to whistleblowers in the public, private and non-profit sectors.**

Name and date

Signature

H. J. A. van der Zee
6 May 2014


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What happens after I sign the pledge?

Once you have signed the pledge, Transparency International Nederland will be in touch to confirm your contact details and that you are willing to have your pledge commitment published on our website. This pledge will be signed by candidates across the EU and Transparency International will keep a record of those who have signed. If elected to the European Parliament, Transparency International Nederland and the Transparency International EU Office will arrange a meeting to discuss in more detail how the pledge commitments can be implemented and to provide further guidance where necessary.