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We, the leaders of different faith based communities and organisations around the world, issue this letter calling for integrity and transparency to underpin our public life.

We are part of the global EXPOSED campaign against corruption. We represent hundreds of millions of Christians in 150 nations taking a stand against greed, secret deals and abuse of public influence. We believe that any sustainable economic progress and stability should be based on righteousness and justice. And, we believe that corruption is an act of injustice against the poor.

We further recognize that corruption is everywhere. From our sphere in the faith communities, we need to examine our practices that may have contributed to corruption and mend our ways. We need to be faithful in teaching integrity, and as we abide by God's teaching, we hope to be instruments of transforming our society.

EXPOSED focuses on specific forms of corruption – bribery and tax evasion in multinational companies and government officials - which can be addressed by G20 leaders. In 2010 developing countries were estimated to have lost around US\$850 billion to illicit financial flows<sup>1</sup>; tax evasion associated with trade mispricing alone costs developing countries around US\$160bn a year<sup>2</sup>. The opacity around the beneficial ownership of companies and other legal structures facilitates these flows on a vast scale.

We know that the lives of 230 little children could be saved every day if corruption issues were addressed<sup>3</sup> and much needed funds for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals could be released.

We recognize the influence of G20 governments over nearly all multinationals operating around the globe to promote greater transparency in their financial affairs. The EXPOSED campaign is asking the G20:

- influence extractives companies to report all payments made in all jurisdictions.
- pursue further steps on automatic information exchange and public disclosure of ultimate beneficial ownership.
- Step-up on country-by-country and project-by-project company reporting, to help citizens to hold their governments, and companies, accountable for the revenues generated in their nation.

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<sup>1</sup> Illicit Financial Flows From Developing Countries: 2001-2010, Dev Kar and Sarah Freitas, December 2012, Global Financial Integrity, based on World Bank data

<sup>2</sup> Who Pays the Price? Hunger: the hidden cost of tax injustice, Christian Aid, May 2013

<sup>3</sup> Ibid

- make all data useful and accessible for all and to resource developing nations in using company information on profits and payments.
- advance transparent budget planning by complying with the Open Budget Survey scoring system to enable citizens to track those commitments
- ratify and implement the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention and enforce measures against international bribery

It is our prayer that as you fulfil the G20's mandate, the policies that you formulate will prevent and end current corrupt practices in the financial affairs of business, government and individuals.

We call on everyone never to lose sight of doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with God.

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