**OGP Annual Summit Commitment Template**

COUNTRY

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| COLOMBIA |

TITLE OF COMMITMENT

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| **High Level Reporting Mechanism** |

DESCRIPTION (up to 200 words)

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| Bearing in mind how important it is to develop mechanisms in order to engage the private sector into the prevention and the prosecution of corruption cases and its consequences, Colombia has been invited to participate in the design of a new project that will enable the community to achieve these aims. One of the main instruments of this project will consist of that businesses will be encouraged to submit reports whenever they become aware of the eventual existence of any kinds of corruption, while the procurement processes in which they participate are taking place.  This mechanism can be described as a means to prevent and identify corruption cases and to ensure the proper course of procurement processes. Furthermore, the mechanism aims to provide an early warning around scenarios wherein corruption may appear (during procurement processes), through an adequate coordination between government agencies. Likewise, the mechanism intends to identify which stages of procurement processes are or have been exposed to corruption.  In Colombia, The National Infrastructure Agency has been appointed to develop the system’s pilot stages. At this point, the mechanism will only be available to bidders who participate through bidding processes of US$ 1,500 million and up. While pilot stages are deployed, businesses will have to commit to an agreement by which they will have the obligation to avoid their participation in meetings external to the processes they participate in, as well as to avoid giving donations or gifts to the decision-makers of the system. Also, the recruitment of former public servants who were part of the project will be restricted.  This initiative has been proposed by the Energy Industry with the support of the Basel Institute of Governance, and has been promoted by the World Economic Forum, the Secretary General of Siemens, the B20, Transparency International (TI), the World Business Organization (ICC) and, more recently, the Secretary General of the OECD. |