

Cebu Manifesto for the Protection of Anti-Corruption Officials

The Anti-Corruption and Transparency Working Group (ACTWG) recognizes the important role of anti-corruption officials in the detection, investigation, prosecution and prevention of corrupt activities.

The ACTWG thus issues this collective call to APEC Member-Economies to take all measures necessary to protect anti-corruption officials at the domestic and international fronts. Looking back at past and recent events, ACTWG reflects on the delicate and dangerous situations that those actively involved in the fight against corruption are faced with especially in the Asia Pacific region.

The ACTWG further calls on Member-Economies to offer adequate protection to anti-corruption officials and ensure that thorough investigations are undertaken in acts of violence against them and that the full force of the law is implemented on perpetrators. Member-Economies must fulfill the duty incumbent upon them to prevent crimes and unlawful harassment against these anti-corruption officials and see to it that they are able to operate in a secure and independent environment that respect the rule of law.

Finally, the ACTWG expresses its solidarity with anti-corruption officials who have demonstrated admirable courage and unwavering determination by taking action against corrupt practices. It urges APEC leaders to exert more pressure on their respective governments to support their work in the fight against corruption.