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United Nations Convention against Corruption and Italy

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Corruption scandals continue to be an emergency of Italy, particularly political corruption. The Country has three Italian mafia organizations (Cosa Nostra, Camorra, and 'Ndrangheta) and other foreign criminal organization which have hubs on its territory. So the fight against corruption is extremely difficult.

Yesterday in Rome, at Farnesina, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, has taken place the presentation

of the Second Report on Italy within the framework of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), which provides for regular audits for all State Parties.

Raffaele Cantone, President of the National Anti-Corruption Authority (ANAC), and Alfonso Bonafede, Italian Minister of Justice, have given two presentations ahead of a technical session with representatives of the UN Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention (UNODC), UNCAC and ANAC.

The United Nations Convention against Corruption entered into force in December 2005 with the purpose of stimulating anti-corruption measures, assisting international cooperation in this field and endorsing good governance.

The first evaluation cycle for Italy (2010-2015) focused on repression and international cooperation, while the second cycle focused on prevention and asset recovery. The United Nations Convention against Corruption has been signed by Italy on 9 December 2003 and ratified with law no. 116 of 3 August 2009 and the Convention forms an integral part of domestic law overriding any other contrary provision of law. Italy has legislation and other measures that promote the participation of society, the management of public affairs and public property, integrity, transparency and accountability. A certain number of steps have been taken to promote general transparency throughout government and the use of open

data, for example on transparency of procurement information.

National Anti-Corruption Authority till now seemed to focus very much on the integrity of procurement. In Italy each public agency is responsible for arranging appropriate integrity training for their employees based on an assessment of the employee's developmental and career needs. But there is no general training or refresher for all public officials on the contents of the codes of conduct governing conduct in their collective agreement.

Italy has established a system to provide more transparency in the funding

of candidates for elected public office and for the funding of political parties and recently it has switched

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from public funding to purely private funding for elections and parties. And this fact will put more strain on the proper functioning of the transparency systems. Italy has developed with OECD, through its experience with hosting Milan Expo 2015, a model to manage large procurements, and a model taken into account internationally is Italian Anti-Mafia Code which allows preventive confiscation measures .

According to Transparency International, whose index ranks 180 countries by their perceived levels of public sector corruption, Italy's score is 52/100 and its Rank is 53/180. The index uses a scale of 0 to 100, where zero is highly corrupt and 100 is very clean.

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