Dear 

The PORA party and the International Centre for Policy Studies (ICPS) cordially invite you to participate in a roundtable called “Time to end corruption.”

This event will take place on 15 June 2005, 10:00-13:00 in the session hall on the third floor of the National Academy of Sciences building, Budynok Vchenykh, at vul. Volodymska 55.

The goal of this roundtable is to organize a meaningful dialog with representatives of the government, business and the general public in order to analyze the reasons behind the country’s widespread corruption and ways to eliminate it.

The presentations will include a report prepared by Daniel Kaufmann, a well-known international expert, the director of Global Governance Programs at the World Bank Institute in Washington, entitled “Myths and realities about governance and corruption: Global evidence and lessons for Ukraine.”

Afterwards, there will be an open discussion with representatives of different interest groups, focused on such questions as:

- How has corruption emerged in Ukraine as a systemic social problem?
- Why is it that all counteractions against corruption have failed so far?
- How effective is a simple rotation of personnel and punishment? How necessary are systemic changes in the state apparatus, legislation, regulatory policy, judiciary, and social perceptions?
- What actions need to be taken to initiate social change in this area?
- What can civic organizations do to get this process going?

In discussing these issues, you will be joined by members of the Verkhovna Rada, representatives of the Cabinet, the Presidential Secretariat, foreign and Ukrainian think-tanks and public organizations, independent experts and the media.

Your personal participation in this seminar, as well as that of members of your organization, will be extremely valuable. We therefore request that you attend in person or recommend someone appropriate from your organization who can do so.

Please confirm your participation in this event by 14 June 2005.

If you have any questions about taking part in this roundtable, please contact Ms. Irma Pidtepa by phone at (044) 236-4377, 236-4477 or via e-mail at ipidtepa@icps.kiev.ua.

Best regards,

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