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## The Secretary General

Hon. Paul D. Wolfowitz  
President  
The World Bank  
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Dear Mr Wolfowitz,

It is with great interest that I read the World Bank's strategic paper on "Strengthening Bank Group Engagement on Governance and Anticorruption". I was particularly pleased to note the Bank's willingness to engage more closely with the private sector in the fight against corruption, an issue that continues to affect business dramatically.

For the Bank to succeed in its multi-front approach against corruption, I agree that a strong connection with the world business community is needed and I offer the following thought. Through our global reach and strong roots in the corporate world, ICC, as the world business organization, could come to play a useful role in building business support for implementing the Bank's action plan. There are several ways we can contribute to this effort:

- ***Providing guidance to companies on effective anti-corruption strategies***

The "ICC Rules of Conduct to Combat Extortion and Bribery" together with our "Fighting Corruption" handbook will provide two invaluable tools for the Bank's outreach to business, and most specifically to small and medium-sized enterprises. I enclose a copy of each so you can have a better understanding of our work to date.

- ***Mobilizing business locally***

As the Bank strengthens its action at country level to promote the fight against corruption, your efforts could benefit from ICC's unparalleled access to companies and chambers of commerce in more than 130 countries, notably in relation to seminars, workshops and other special events.

- ***Sharing expertise and identifying priorities***

Business experts from ICC's Commission on Anti-Corruption can provide your team with a unique insight into key business priorities for combating corruption more efficiently, such as the need to establish reporting channels for complaints about the solicitation of bribes.

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We are looking forward to developing a closer work relationship with the Bank, and I am pleased to note that François Vincke, Chair of ICC's Commission on Anti-Corruption, has already initiated contact with your experts on this front. At a meeting of the Commission last week, ICC member companies received a briefing by Pascale Dubois, from the Department of Institutional Integrity, on the new and promising Voluntary Disclosure Program which the Bank launched last August.

On behalf of ICC, let me express our strong recognition for your leading role in putting back anti-corruption at the heart of the World Bank's priorities. May I take this opportunity to suggest that we find a mutually convenient time to meet together, in Paris or Washington, and exchange views on the role which ICC, and the private sector at large, could play to support your efforts to curb corruption and improve governance practices across the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Sebban', written over a horizontal line.

Guy Sebban  
ICC Secretary General