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New Zealand above the fray of FIFA corruption scandal

New Zealand must use its untarnished reputation in sport to help root out corrupt practices in International Football says Transparency International's New Zealand chair Suzanne Snively.

As the FIFA under 20 World Cup draws to a close it won't escape notice that as bribery and corruption allegations swirl around the awarding of hosting rights to Russia and Qatar, New Zealand's reputation remains unchallenged.

As one of only three countries in the world to enact anti match fixing legislation, and as one of the top two countries in the world with regards to corruption free practices in the public sector, New Zealand must use its position to campaign for the elimination of corruption in sport as in all other areas of life including commerce and governance.

Parent body Transparency International has already called for the mobilization of wider audiences in the fight against corruption through connecting with the sports community in the areas of:

- Improving governance of sports organisations
- Strengthening the integrity of the bidding, awarding and hosting of major sporting events
- Preventing and combatting match-fixing

Ms Snively says the New Zealand chapter endorses that call and says New Zealand authorities must use their status to spear head any efforts.

Having already shown their independence in voting against the reinstatement of disgraced FIFA head Sepp Blatter, New Zealand is perfectly positioned to ensure the message that corruption and bribery have no place in sport or any other endeavor is carried forward.

TI through its global network in 100 countries, it has developed many resources to help organisations be they sporting, commercial or governmental to tackle the destructive impact of bribery and corruption.

Notes to editors:

1. About Transparency International New Zealand:

Transparency International New Zealand (TINZ) is the local chapter of the global organisation - <http://www.transparency.org.nz/>. TINZ works to actively promote the highest levels of transparency, accountability, integrity and public participation in government and civil society in New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.

Transparency International New Zealand provides a free [Anti-Corruption Training Tool](#) designed by leading experts in the field, and enables organisations to provide training for their personnel. This was developed in partnership with the Serious Fraud Office and BusinessNZ

Transparency International New Zealand published the [Integrity Plus 2013 New Zealand National Integrity System Assessment](#) and is actively engaged in the implementation of its recommendations.

2. About Transparency International

Transparency International is the global civil society coalition leading the fight against corruption - <http://www.transparency.org/>.

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