Functional Series 200 Programming Policy

INTERIM UPDATE 05-03

SUBJECT: Release of USAID's Anticorruption Strategy

NEW MATERIAL: The Administrator has approved the USAID Anticorruption Strategy.

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ATTACHMENT: Anticorruption Strategy

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The Anticorruption Strategy makes four key recommendations:

-- Confront the dual challenges of grand and administrative corruption:

- Deploy Agency resources to fight corruption in strategic ways;
- -- Incorporate anticorruption goals and activities across Agency work; and
- -- Build the Agency's anticorruption knowledge.

Each of these recommendations has significant implications for Agency and Mission operations.

The strategy underscores the Agency's high-level commitment to working creatively to fight corruption and promote good governance across all of our programs, including all regions and sectors. It makes a set of recommendations informed by what has been seen to work and what has not, and suggestions of new areas of endeavor. I will establish an Agency-wide Strategy Implementation Task Force to provide focus and leadership across all sectors of USAID to make this strategy a reality.

With approval of the strategy, it is my expectation that all members of the USAID community will join me in implementing the steps necessary for the Agency to play a leading role in advancing the fight against corruption, and building good governance to achieve a more stable, prosperous, and democratic world.

A copy of the Strategy is attached. It can also be accessed at http://inside.usaid.gov/anticorruption/pubs/ac_strategy_final.pdf

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Attachment: a/s

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