<u>PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT</u>

<u>Project Name:</u> Property Rights – the change possible

<u>Implementing Organization:</u> TI Albania / CAO

Objective

The objective of the project "Property Corruption-the change possible" is to help ensure transparency of the central and local institution which deal with property issues and raise the citizens awareness to the property on corruption.

- **The original project objectives and design**: *The main objective of this project was to identify the main corruption problems and to analyse the corruption phenomenon on the property issues and the institutional transparency at this field and also to raise the citizens awareness. In this respect was asked to identify the main institutions at local and central level, involved to the process of restitution, compensation, transactions and development of the properties. The final report on the "Corruption with the Properties" which was the main product of the project was very welcome by the interested persons like ex- owners, by the foreign organisations which develop similar activities in Albania and by some state institutions at central level. The 17 main activities identified to be developed under the time life of the project are successfully developed and presented to the final progress report of the project. The most part of the results of these activities are reflected to the report "Corruption with the Properties" which is already published and distributed. There was a big interest on this project, during the round tables, opened discussions and media campaign, which comments and suggestions are reflected to the report. The recommendations presented to this report are very useful outcome for the central and local institutions which deal with property issues.*

- **The implementation experience**: *The structure and the methodology selected for the development of the project was based on the previous experiences of TIA and CAO activities. The 17 main activities identified to be developed under the time life of the project are successfully developed and presented to the final progress report of the project.*

  In this respect we can mention:

❖ *Are identified actors and stakeholders.*
❖ *Are organized several meetings with actors and stakeholders. For instance meetings with the Chief Recorder of the COPR (Central Office of Properties Registration) Vice/Chief Recorder, and Legal Director of COPR.*
❖ *Constant correspondence with all the responsible institutions for the property issue.*
❖ *Meetings with judges and prosecutors where the Property issue was the main discussion topic.*
❖ *Participation in different NGOs activities and meetings, such as "Bregdeti" NGO meeting, where we discussed issues related to the property concern in the Kakome Village, and we have been in close communication with other NGOs such as URI (Urban Research Institute) etc.*
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- **Financial Management**: *"Transparency International Albania" has maintained financial records for every expense occurred related to the project and the budget approved. At the end of project implementation, a General Report of Audit is conducted by an external auditor, in accordance with International Standards Auditing. The report contents a control of all movements of the period and an examination, on test bases, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. According to the audit control examined by Violeta Mulla, Certified Expert Accountant (Licence No. 38, 10.02.2000), the financial statements of TIA give a true and fair view on financial position and its cash flows of the "Property Rights - the change possible" project on April 30, 2009.*

- **The impact**: *The recommendations presented to the report on "Corruption with the Properties" are very useful outcomes for the central and local institutions which deal with property issues. This report was very much appreciated by the state institutions and also by private organizations which deal with property rights. The property issues were the main issues discussed during the elections campaign in June 2009, which means the positive impact of the project. In this respect we want to highlight that the property issues will be one of the main objectives and one of the priorities of the new Government Program which is a guaranty for the sustainability of the project.*

- **Institutional development:** *The report on "Corruption with the Properties" which is already published and distributed to the main central and local institutions is very good*

information on the corruption phenomenon at the property issues and also a guide to address the problems and the solutions also. This report and the guide which was published during the implementation of the project are also very helpful for the information's they have on the "Who, What, and Haw" the central and local institutions deal with the property titles.

One of the main recommendation of the project is the institutional collaboration and also for the reduction of the personal contacts to the public offices. Both publications are also very easy to be used by everyone who has interest not only for the transactions with the properties but also for the development of the properties.

- **Dissemination:** *After the elections TI-Albania and ALAC have planed to establish the formal collaboration with these institutions.*

  TI-Albania is ready to support the local and central governments with the tangible proposal on the appropriate responsible structures and the legal framework on property rights which could help the upgrading of the system.

  Because of the property issues include the most part of the cases on ALAC-TI-Albania, this program will continue to monitor the corruption phenomena's on this field.
  TI-Albania is also working to apply to the different donors for the extensions of the previous project and implementation of its recommendations to the most problematic identified pilot areas