



September 30, 2015.

**Honorable Ms. Dilma Rousseff
President of the Federative Republic of Brazil**

Honorable President,

This is to personally express my full support to the **Office of the Comptroller General of the Federal Government in Brazil**, a national agency that has played an outstanding and exemplary role at the international level in the global fight against corruption and in the advancement of fiscal transparency, public participation and accountability.

In particular, the Brazilian Office of the Comptroller General was in 2011 one of the institutions that helped found the Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency (GIFT), a multi-stakeholder action network working to advance and institutionalize global norms and significant, continuous improvements in fiscal transparency, engagement, and accountability in countries around the world. Along with the GCU, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the International Budget Partnership, and the Department of Budget and Management of the Republic of the Philippines also participated in this project.

Although the CGU passed its leading role at GIFT to the Federal Secretary of Budget & Planning, the Comptroller General's leadership remains supportive and continues to be a reliable source of technical assistance, knowledge and constructive debate for the GIFT network. The CGU has been particularly strategic in guiding governments that are trying to emulate Brazil in its remarkable strategies to improve the transparency of fiscal policies and the budget.

As a former founding information commissioner of the Federal Institute for Access to Information in Mexico, I was also impressed by the CGU leadership's determined support for the passage of Brazil's first Freedom of Information Law and for the Law on the Liability of Legal Persons for Acts of Corruption.

I understand that Brazil is going through very difficult fiscal moments that require difficult and radical measures. But undermining an agency that has played a strategic role in fighting fraud and corruption seems contradictory with the goal of ensuring that the Brazilian Public Administration makes the best efficient and transparent use of scant public resources. This is why I respectfully call on you, Honorable President Dilma Rousseff, to preserve the CGU as a strategic element in the execution, control and disclosure of public resources in the difficult times to come. This is my personal opinion and is not intended to express, in any way, the stance of the institutions that are members of the GIFT network.

Let me take this opportunity to express my high consideration and thank you in advance for your kind attention.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Juan Pablo Guerrero A." with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Juan Pablo Guerrero
Network Director**