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**Complaint against Malaysia for non-implementation of the  
UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) and the UN Convention against  
Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) in the case of  
Abdul Taib Mahmud, Chief Minister of Sarawak**

Dear Mr. Secretary General,  
Dear Mr. Fedotov,

We are writing to you on behalf on an international NGO coalition to demand urgent action against Malaysia for the non-implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) and the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC).

The reason for our complaint is the Malaysian authorities' deliberate silence and inaction against massive corruption, abuse of public office and money-laundering in third countries by Abdul Taib ("Taib") Mahmud, the head of government (Chief Minister) of the Malaysian state of Sarawak on Borneo.

It is alleged that the Malaysian authorities are deliberately and actively protecting Mr. Taib and his family members from criminal prosecution. Malaysia's inaction to establish criminal and other offences against Mr. Taib is contrary to its international duties and legal obligations as a party to UNCAC and UNTOC.

It is also worth noting that Malaysia's anti corruption authority, the Malaysian Anti Corruption Commission (MACC) appears not to be independent. It has no real control, but rather appears to be used as a tool to keep the ruling Barisan Nasional (BN) coalition in power, of which Taib Mahmud is a key supporter. Barisan Nasional has formed the government of Malaysia ever since the formation of the country in 1963.

Taib Mahmud has been Chief Minister, Finance Minister and Minister of State Planning and Natural Resources of the Malaysia state of Sarawak since 26 March 1981, making him one of the longest-serving and most wealthy politicians in South East Asia. He is also the main person responsible for the unprecedented destruction of the tropical rainforests of Sarawak, one of the world's most biodiverse natural habitats and an important global carbon sink.

Mr. Taib has not only established an authoritarian regime in Sarawak but has also abused his political power to secure his family and his cronies undue economic advantage and illicitly gained assets worth several billion US dollars, including logging and plantation concessions, a monopolistic control over the export of tropical timber and a monopoly over the production of cement and other building materials.

Please find attached the copy of a complaint by 15 NGOs from six countries, which we sent to Malaysia's top prosecutors by registered mail on 13th December 2011. The addressees - the Malaysian Attorney-General (AG), the Malaysian Anti Corruption Commission (MACC) and the Inspector General of Police (IGP) – have left our complaint unanswered.

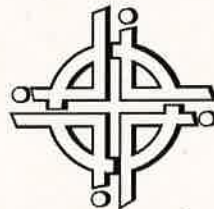
We believe that the Malaysian government has instructed the addressees not to reply and not to take heed to our complaint, in clear violation of the spirit and stipulations of the UN Convention against Corruption and the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.

We are therefore asking the United Nations to reprimand Malaysia, as party to UNCAC and UNTOC, and as a member of the international community, for its inaction over the Taib case and to impose sanctions or take other appropriate measures against Malaysia.

Yours sincerely,

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