



Global Initiative on Political Finance Transparency and Integrity

Political party and campaign finance remain among the least regulated and least transparent areas of public governance, heightening the risk of undue influence and the misuse of state resources. The adoption by the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption of resolution 11/7 *Preventing and Combating Corruption through Enhancing Transparency in the Funding of Political Parties, Candidatures for Elected Public Office and Electoral Campaigns* in December 2025 marked an important milestone in recognizing the role of transparent political finance systems in safeguarding electoral and policymaking processes and reinforcing trust in public institutions.

Resolution 11/7 encourages States Parties to strengthen legal and institutional frameworks governing political finance, promote transparency and accountability in political funding, enhance oversight capacities, and facilitate the exchange of experiences and good practices among relevant authorities.

With generous support from the Government of Norway, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) is leading a global initiative, in partnership with the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) and the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) to support the implementation of resolution 11/7. The project aims to strengthen legal frameworks, oversight capacities and investigation processes related to political finance to counter corruption and undue influence in governance and elections. Through engagement with a broad range of stakeholders and organizations working on anti-corruption, democracy and elections, and human rights, the initiative promotes cooperation and supports reform at the global, regional and national levels.

Who we work with

Key project counterparts include national institutions with a political finance oversight mandate, including election management bodies, election tribunals, oversight bodies, anti-corruption agencies and supreme audit institutions. This project will also bring together law enforcement actors and financial intelligence units. These partnerships will strengthen inter-agency coordination and information-sharing for more effective investigation and enforcement. The launch of this initiative will lay the foundation for work in 2027 and beyond. The partners welcome other donors to join forces in expanding this initiative.

What we do

- Establish and maintain an international network of political finance oversight bodies.
- Develop a methodology to assess compliance with resolution 11/7 and identify remaining gaps.
- Promote knowledge-sharing among countries to exchange good practices and lessons learned.
- Provide technical assistance to countries upon request based on context-specific needs assessments.

Key Facts

Location: Global, with a focus on countries in Africa and Latin America

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Implementing organizations: UNODC, International IDEA, and IFES

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