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Presentation on the PSI CAMPAIGN AGAINST CORRUPTION
Two important misperceptions of corruption

♦ “The main problem of corruption is public service employees taking bribes”

♦ “Corruption is particularly a problem of politicians in poor countries”
Fundament, purpose and objective of corruption are power and money

♦ It is related to social inequality and reproduces it

♦ It is an attack on democracy

♦ It damages decent economic development
Corruption has many faces

♦ Paying bribes is only one aspect, exerting political influence is another, very important form of corruption

♦ Although corruption is widely spread in capitalist democracies as well, the lack of democratic standards, transparency and independent media make the ban of corruption more difficult
Corruption and Public Services

♦ Corrupt companies and politicians use public services for business and political interests

♦ Without good governance and QPS citizens need to find their own, sometimes corrupt ways to get access to the services they need

♦ Respect for public employees’ rights and decent salaries are part of the fight against corruption
What is ‘grand corruption’?

♦ Big multinational companies, mostly from rich democratic countries, are involved in large scale fraud all over the world

♦ They seek control over national resources, to privatise services, to gain advantageous business conditions and legal regulations
Our demands

♦ Transparent regulations on public procurement

♦ Stop privatisation

♦ We want our money back! We need tax justice and closure of tax havens.

♦ Confiscation of profits and gains attained through corruption
Our demands

♦ Ban from tendering

♦ Imprisonment of managers and politicians

♦ National courts *both* in the countries of origin and those of operations must apply powerful legal sanctions
Options for activities

♦ Some measures can be taken by ourselves

✓ International: Lobby intergovernmental organisations for global regulations

✓ National: Fight for rights and decent salaries of public service workers, fight privatisation, name and shame corrupt business people and politicians, ...
Options for activities

♦ We need allies among NGOs and civil society organisations to achieve

✓ Protection of whistleblowers and of independent journalists
✓ Freedom of information acts
✓ Independent public audit and control bodies
✓ Adoption of strong legal regulations

♦ We must prepare for a long-term struggle!
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