

Mr. Badri El Meouchi  
President  
Lebanese Transparency Association  
Lebanon

19 July 2019

**Subject: Letter of Confirmation of Accreditation**

Dear Badri,

We are pleased to inform you that, following consideration of the recommendation of the Membership Accreditation Committee (MAC), the TI Board of Directors has decided to reconfirm your Chapter's status as an accredited National Chapter of Transparency International pursuant to the terms of TI's "National Chapter Accreditation Policy". This decision is under the understanding that your Chapter agrees to the content of this letter and the attached Accreditation Agreement.

Lebanese Transparency Association will therefore continue as a fully accredited National Chapter of Transparency International, enjoying all the rights and privileges of a Member of TI under the TI Charter.

We also are pleased to acknowledge that your Chapter continues to make a significant contribution to the TI Movement in your country and that the Movement is truly grateful to you and your colleagues for that.

To further improve your Chapter's performance, your Chapter is:

- Asked to develop an anti-harassment and safeguarding policy
- Asked to develop a donations policy
- Asked to introduce a limit to the number of terms Board members can serve
- Asked to implement the agreed plan for repayment of the NSSF debt
- Encouraged to continue diversifying its funding base

Sincerely yours,



Delia Ferreira Rubio  
Chair, Board of Directors

*Note:*

*Confirmation of accreditation is conditional on receipt by the TI Secretariat in Berlin no later than three months from the date of this letter of:*

- 1. One scanned copy of this letter countersigned by you to confirm the agreement of the Chapter to its contents.*
- 2. One scanned copy of the enclosed Accreditation Agreement signed by you on behalf of the Chapter, which will be countersigned on behalf of TI and returned to you for your records.*

*The Accreditation Agreement follows the format approved by the TI Board and the Membership Accreditation Committee on 2 June 2005 and is in line with the Accreditation Policy approved by the Annual Membership Meeting, but could be subject to future amendments as a result of policy changes approved by future Membership Meetings of Transparency International.*

*The Glossary of Terms (in addendum), approved by the TI Board and the Membership Accreditation Committee on 15 September 2018, aim to provide clarity on the various types of follow-up expected from TI Chapters when applicable.*

Confirmed and agreed for and on behalf of Lebanese Transparency Association:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair

*Enclosure: Accreditation Agreement (2 copies)*

## ADDENDUM: GLOSSARY OF TERMS

<p><b>Require</b></p>	<p>Specific changes that the chapter <u>must</u> address and/or implement <u>as a condition for confirmation of accreditation</u>.</p>
<p><u>When</u>: Before a decision on accreditation can be made, in cases of acute/severe reputational risks (governance, financial, etc.) and/or as a minimum standard. Chapter <u>must</u> fix issues within X months on problem area. Maximum period of time that MAC would extend the accreditation review is one year.</p> <p><u>Level</u>: A necessary condition for accreditation.</p>	
<p><b>Ask</b></p>	<p><u>Flag</u> as an important course of action that the chapter <u>is expected to</u> undertake <u>over the following three years</u> to strengthen the organisation's governance / transparency / independence / impact. In case the chapter does not take action on these recommendations <u>it is expected to provide a justification for not doing so</u> as part of the next MAC review process.</p>
<p><u>When</u>: Following confirmation of accreditation. Will be included in the letter of the Board Chair to the Chapter. These recommendations on governance / financial / relevance / impact flag issues that a chapter <u>should</u> address within next three years.</p> <p><u>Level</u>: While not <u>strictly</u> conditional, strong justification should be given why the Chapter cannot or chooses not to address / act on the recommendations <u>as these are likely to be considered a key point in the following accreditation review</u>.</p>	
<p><b>Encourage</b></p>	<p>Advise the chapter to consider addressing specific issues in the future as a way to further improve their governance/ transparency/independence/impact and/or move certain issues towards best practice.</p>
<p><u>When</u>: Following confirmation of accreditation. Will be included in the letter of the Board Chair to the Chapter. Reporting on progress or not is desirable to be included into the next accreditation review for simple monitoring effects.</p> <p><u>Level</u>: Not conditional for next confirmation of accreditation.</p>	
<p><b>Suggest</b></p>	<p>Suggestions for the chapter to work on certain issues in order to strengthen their operations / finances / relevance related or other issues.</p>
<p><u>When</u>: Following confirmation of accreditation. NOT to be included into the Board Chair letter but to be conveyed and followed up upon by Regional Advisors. Reporting on progress / actions taken is desirable to be included into the next accreditation review (either through SEF or Regional Advisor inputs) for simple monitoring effects.</p> <p><u>Level</u>: Not conditional for next confirmation of accreditation.</p>	