QUESTIONNAIRE ON INTEGRITY

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* **Generalities**

Have you ever found yourself in a position where you had to make a payment “under the table” to a local authority to move forward a demand for a public service (documents, administrative applications, recording of marriage, birth registration, etc.). If yes, at what level (seniority, and position of the person)? According to them, what justified such payment? Was the amount paid dependant on your political affiliation?

Have you witnessed/participated in corruption practices, particularly involving government, local authorities, police, etc.? What were the consequences? Please provide concrete examples.

Do you know or are you aware of persons who were detained and released following the payment of a bribe? Why were they detained/released and what was the amount paid?

Do you know or are you aware of persons who were detained with the objective to obtain a bribe for their release? Please provide details.

* **Public Procurement**

Are you aware of goods or services bought by public authorities at a higher rate than usual? Please indicate whether you were a stakeholder/an eyewitness or heard about it indirectly.

Would you care to elaborate on these examples, market price, quantity of goods or services bought and price at which public authorities made the purchase?

In your opinion, what do public authorities gain in buying goods and services at a higher rate rather than a cheaper price?

Based on your information, did the merchant receive the actual amount paid by the public authority or did he/she receive the normal market price?

Based on your information, what happens to the balance?

* **Corruption**

Are you aware of a practice wherein money or services are requested by a public authority to carry out their assigned functions? Please indicate whether you were a stakeholder/an eyewitness or heard about it indirectly.

Would you care to elaborate on these examples?

Did these public authorities clearly indicate that the money requested is a bribe or did they justify these payments on other grounds?

Based on your information, did these public authorities keep the bribe for themselves or did they share it with others?

Based on your information, by how much did these public authorities increase their monthly salaries through corruption? (Monthly wage increased by half, doubled?)

Based on your information, on average, what is the percentage of a household’s income that is given to public authorities for the purpose of corruption?

* **Undue influence**

Are you aware of money or services requested by intermediaries before obtaining a decision from a public authority? Please indicate whether you were a stakeholder/an eyewitness or heard about it indirectly.

Would you care to elaborate on these examples?

* **Illicit enrichment**

Are you aware of any case of unusual or unexplained enrichment by certain public authorities? Please indicate whether you were a stakeholder/an eyewitness or if you heard about it indirectly.

Would you care to elaborate on those specific examples naming the position, and official salary if possible?

Can you provide examples of wealth accumulated by these public authorities?

Based on your information, how can this illicit enrichment be explained?

* **Contact (optional)**

Do you agree to be contacted by the Commission of Inquiry for further details or any other questions that may arise from the information you provided? If yes, what would be the best way to contact you?

**The questionnaire can be sent back to** **coiburundi@ohchr.org** **in French, English or Kirundi or on WhatsApp to +41 76 691 1336 or +33 6 0557 4815.**