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Transparency International congratulates Prof Yunus

Transparency International (TI) and a number of its chapters worldwide have sent message of congratulations to the Nobel Peace Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus.

In a message to TI Bangladesh Dr Peter Eigen the Founder of TI and chairman of TI Advisory Council said, "I want to congratulate you and Noble Prize winner Prof. M. Yunus for this wonderful and well deserved honour. We feel elated that the fight against poverty has been recognized as an essential way to build peace. In this way our whole movement shares with you and our friend Muhammad Yunus a sense of pride and empowerment."

Ms Huguette Lebel, Chairman of the TI Board said, "Congratulations on this very special honor. Muhammad's work and genius reflect on your Chapter and on the people of Bangladesh. He has been a leader in recognizing how access to credit liberated the poor and gave them the opportunity to gain greater self sufficiency. I have had the privilege of working closely with him in the promotion of micro-credit around the world. Each encounter left me with greater admiration for the man and for his work."

Dr. Iftekharuzzaman, Executive Director of TIB said that the Noble Prize for Peace awarded to Prof. Yunus and Grameen Bank has given the people of Bangladesh a sense of pride and honour that can be equal only to our achievement of independence in 1971. The Prize is not only a recognition of Dr Yunus' extraordinary innovation and contribution for development, social change and justice, but also a tribute to all social entrepreneurs across the world, for whom it will be a great source of strength and inspiration.

Many other national Chapters of TI including those from South Asia such as Pakistan, Nepal and Sri Lanka have sent messages of felicitations to Prof Yunus through TIB.