

## **Rasheed for Integrity and Transparency (TI-JO) Donations Policy and Guidelines**

### **Introduction**

Donations and other income enable Rasheed TI-JO to fight corruption. Rasheed TI-JO needs to secure the funding necessary to undertake its vital work. Secure and diverse funding enables Rasheed TI-JO to maintain its independence, protect its reputation and operate effectively.

### **Background**

Rasheed TI-JO is funded from diverse sources: foundations, governments, the private sector, individuals, membership fees, income from publications, events and other activities and from an endowment fund. Relying on many sources of income helps TI to maintain its independence. Funding may be unrestricted or tied to specific projects. Rasheed TI-JO must not risk jeopardizing its reputation for honesty, openness and integrity. Its reputation could be compromised if it receives funding from sources that were perceived to be pursuing activities inconsistent with TI's mission.

### **Policy**

It is Rasheed TI-JO 's policy to accept funding from any donor and whether monetary or in kind, provided that acceptance does not:

- impair Rasheed TI-JO 's independence to pursue its mission
- endanger its integrity and reputation.

### **Scope**

This Policy applies to all fundraising, regardless of types of donor or amounts involved, unless otherwise stated in this document. It is to be applied to all new funding from existing donors and to all new donors in the future. It does not apply to income raised from the sale of publications or from fees for participation in conferences, events and other activities. Appropriate care to protect the reputation of Rasheed TI-JO should always be taken.

### **Guidelines**

Funding to enable Rasheed TI-JO to carry out its work should be sought from a wide range of sources. Care should be taken to ensure that project-related funding does not result in undue influence over Rasheed TI-JO's program work. Subject to maintaining Rasheed TI-JO 's independence and reputation, Rasheed TI-JO may accept funding from all kinds of sources. Rasheed TI-JO should list all donations over €1,000 and publicly disclose them, including in the Chapter's Annual Report and on its website.

If there is a significant risk that receiving funds from a particular source would impair Rasheed TI-JO 's independence or if there is a significant risk to Rasheed TI-JO's reputation from public association with the donor, then funding from that source must not be accepted.

Any donation to Rasheed TI-JO must be able to stand up to public scrutiny. Rasheed TI-JO 's independence requires that a donor may be subject to the same criticism by TI as any other organization or individual in a comparable situation. A donor accused of having been involved in corruption can expect no protection from TI.

Rasheed TI-JO can receive funding from corporations and donors from the private sector. This does not imply any endorsement of a donating company's policies or record. It is advisable that a potential donating company has made a public commitment to ethical standards (such as the UN Global Compact, the Business Principles etc.), and Rasheed TI-JO may request that corporate donors sign a commitment to integrity before any donation from that company is accepted. Rasheed TI-JO should not accept a donation from a company that is found to have engaged in corruption unless the company can demonstrate that this was a violation of the company's policies, that breach of these policies is being addressed in an appropriate manner, or that its policies have been amended to proscribe a similar violation in future. TI works with companies on the understanding that they are working towards a business environment in which bribery is not accepted.

It is the responsibility of the staff and Boards of Directors of Rasheed TI-JO to ensure that its independence and reputation are not jeopardized.

If any staff or Board member of Rasheed TI-JO is concerned that there is a threat to Rasheed TI-JO's independence or reputation from donations already received, or about to be accepted, the person(s) should draw this to the attention of the manager or Chair of the Board of that particular TI body.

*Based on Transparency International Movement's Policy.*