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À : Oliver Cover
Objet : TI UK 's Defense and Security Index

Dear Mr Cover,

In your email dated November 12, 2013, you informed me that Transparency International UK's Defense and Security Programme would update its Defense Companies Anti-Corruption Index for publishing of its report in early 2015 and, February 7, your assistant, Mrs Fish, sent me the index and the schedule of your report.

When TI had made a similar request in 2011, the CEO of Dassault Aviation had explained why (May 30, 2012) he did not wish to participate to your questionnaire; his reasons remain valid today.

As you know, our company evolves in a highly regulated environment and various international conventions deal with anti-bribery, such as the 1997 OECD convention, the 2003 UN convention and the 2009 criminal and civil European conventions. All these conventions have long been included in the French law. In addition, a number of other French laws deal with this matter and have provided for heavy penalties.

Dassault Aviation complies with these laws and international conventions.

Besides, Dassault Aviation is an active member of several international and national business associations (GIFAS, ASD and IFBEC to name a few) which promote comparison and enhancement of internal anti-bribery measures as well as common standards. These associations conduct important works based on international compendia such as the Global Reporting Initiative. Thus, Dassault Aviation has taken a number of anti-bribery commitments such as the Common Industry Standards or the Global Principles.

As soon as 2003, Dassault Aviation joined the United Nation's Global Compact which Tenth Principle is precisely dedicated to the fight against bribery. We publish every year the good practices which have been enacted to respect these principles.

Dassault Aviation is also being certified under international norms such as ISO and, since the French law "Grenelle 2", it is mandatory to state and publish in our annual report the procedures we implement to prevent bribery. These procedures and the annual report are checked and approved through a two-level process by external auditors who are professionals approved by the French authorities and who are liable under criminal law in case of errors. This two-level check and audit of our anti-bribery procedures is carried out every year.

We are thus under a large number of official oversight and we are actively pursuing national and international endeavors to improve and benchmark integrity measures.

I would also kindly remind you that your previous report (dated September 26, 2012) contained and published major false and unchecked information since it rated Dassault Aviation with facts covering another company (see letter from Mr Charles Edelstenne dated October 18, 2012, and Mr Pyman's response acknowledging this blunder).

Given all these elements, Dassault Aviation does not wish to participate in your survey.

Rest assured that we remain dedicated to our reputation and our values for ethics and integrity.

Best regards

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