

Transparency International Denmark (TI-DK)

Referat af Bestyrelsesmøde onsdag den 9.nov. 2005, Havnegade 39 (Respect Europe) kl. 18:00 – 19.30

Til Stede:

Torben Ishøy (formand), Jens Berthelsen (næstformand), Hans Henrik Brydensholt, Nils Rune Christensen, Allan Fischer-Madsen, Jeppe Kromann Hansen, Ole Richter, Ib Grønvaldt (for sekretariatet, referent).

DAGSORDEN

Ole Richter introducerede to studerende fra Silkeborg Højskole, hhv. fra Ukraine og Ungarn. Mødet blev herefter stort set gennemført på engelsk, således at de studerende kunne få indblik i et normalt bestyrelsesmødes forløb. Dele af det følgende referat er på engelsk, fordi referentens begrænsede simultankapacitet tvang ham til at tage de til grund liggende noter på engelsk.

1. Godkendelse af dagsorden

Godkendt.

2. Valg af mødeleder

Allan Fischer-Madsen blev valgt.

3. Valg af referent

Ib Grønvaldt.

4. Godkendelse af referat af bestyrelsesmøde 16.aug.2005

Godkendt.

5. Årsmødet i Berlin 11-13 Nov.

(NB: mail 12.10 via Jette vedr. formandsvalget (Candidates brochure) Vi skal vedtage vores foretrukne kandidat. Alle bedes overveje den kandidat, man foretrækker (Jens B. + Torben)

Torben Ishøy: Jens Berthelsen is going to Berlin tomorrow. A 48 pages brochure has been circulated to Chapters, describing candidates.

Jens Berthelsen: Eva Joly has stepped down for family reasons. Jens Berthelsen was contacted from Berlin for ideas for other candidates. Some main concerns are: Continuity – Southern representation. The Mayor of Palermo has been nominated by “Italy”, according to Italy’s ambassador in DK (unsure if this is by the Italian TI Chapter or by some other influence). Canada /US is one choice; Columbian / British is the other.

Board Agreement: Based on what we know from Jens Berthelsen’s contacts, the Canadian lady (Huguette la Belle) is preferred – but Jens was given a ”broad mandate to manoeuvre”, should the situation change on the spot.

6. Byggeinitiativ (Jens B.)

For info: Jens Berthelsen came to the meeting directly from DK Export Credit Council. The existence of some difficulties in governing Construction projects is recognised, notably because each project has several “owners”. A successful project in the UK is to be copied here. F.R.I. and Dansk Byggeri are very interested. Partners will invite KL later if it turns out not to be a purely national initiative. Maybe also Rederiforeningen.

7. Oil-for-food, kort resumé. Evaluering af pressedækningen (alle)

TIs name has been well used in this regard, in particular by TIs and JBe. Situationen har været vanskelig for virksomhederne, fordi *formålet* var at skaffe mad og medicin til Irak. Dette formål kunne være blevet forskertset, hvis man ikke var gået ind på kontraktbetingelserne. Derfor har embedsmandssvarene til virksomhederne også været vage, og embedsmændene har bevidst undgået at løfte emnet til politisk niveau, ikke mindst, fordi dets faktuelle indhold endnu var dårligt belyst, og politikerne derfor skulle svare under en usikkerhed, som "systemet" ikke ville udsætte dem for.

Maybe there will no indictments in accordance with the Danish Penal Code on bribery (§122/§144), but perhaps indictments in accordance with other articles of our Penal Code. We may have to raise it as an issue politically if the new 2000-articles prove not to be applicable in practice.

We must stick to our OECD guns and ensure the compatibility of our DK Penal Code.

Allan Fischer-Madsen: Can we find a credible testimonial from companies in DK who have a declared internal policy that they will not use corruption?

Jens Berthelsen: They generally fear a later backlash from any actions inadvertently done by non-compliant employees, so: No, I shouldn't think so.

General Evaluation of the situation and the course of events: We cannot hope to provoke individual company comment. Our various comment brought the Danish corruption discussion forward. The UN Report worked to prevent the issues from being "swept under the carpet".

8. Anti-korrupsionskonference 8. december: status, budget, finansiering, invitationer, presse, hjemmeside m.v. (Jeppe KH)

Jeppe Kromann Hansen: Invitations have been issued – the website established. "All and sundry" have been invited. "Please do all come". Sign up should be done on the website. Limit: 220 participants. Admission free. No TI-DK speakers. Will be repeated every year. MS is sponsoring by 20 kDKK. That pays the free lunch. Money has been taken from savings caused by their need to close down the entire awareness department (Danida's annual grant for public information initiatives has been cancelled in the latest State Budget).

Secretariat to issue invitation to members? (Not answered in the meeting).

Vi vil gerne se Proceedings – 200 sider – og vil gerne søge støtte til offentliggørelsen efter mødet (måske fra fonde).

9. Ny folder om TI DK (bevilling fra Tips/lotto) (JB)

Det blev nævnt som et muligt problem, at den modtagne brochurebevilling fra Økonomistyrelsen (Tips- og Lotto-midler) på 35.000 kr. formentlig udløb med 31. december 2005.

Sekretariatet har derfor efter mødet eftersat bevillingsbrevet. 31. december 2005 var ganske rigtigt fristen, hvorfor sekretariatet har søgt – og fået – fristen for brugen af beløbet forlænget til 31. maj 2006.

10. Andre aktiviteter (alle)

Ole Richter: Attended a meeting on "Belarus under the EU Neighbourhood Policy" at the Foreign Office. Asked what support would be available to NGOs – probably because sanctions are coming.

A Conference about Srebrenicza on the same day as "our" WELL Conference will prevent OR from attending WELL's.

Hans Henrik Brydesholt has seen two articles: 1. Social Capital project from Århus: We have more reciprocal confidence between people than do other nations, and that is why we are not corrupt. Let us get hold of the work. (Per Thinggaard/Action JBe). 2. I Norge er der fremsat forslag (til en høring) om adgang til ikke blot erstatning, men også tort for whistleblowers. (HHB vil fremskaffe forslaget).

Jens Berthelsen har arrangeret, at man nu kan have en direkte transparency-relateret e-mail adresse som f. eks. J.Bertelsen@transparency.dk og dermed ikke behøver udadtil at blande sit firma ind i sit TI-arbejde.

11. Hjemmesiden: status og og kort oplæg om besøgsstatistik (Jeppe KH)

Statistics: 50 log on every day. There was a peak at CPI-time. News are the most popular section. "Organisation" is also popular. People know (or guess?) the site address and access directly – otherwise they arrive through Google or WELL or other sites. Articles have given more hits because they hold more key words.

Lad os spørge dagbladene om tilladelse til dybe links til deres artikler. (opgaven ikke allokeret i mødet).

12. Eventuelt og næste møde (alle)

12.1 Eventuelt

Discussion about an application to house an Intern – this should not involve TI-DK as such, because we would have no office space and no time to lead a project or to mentor the person.

12.2 Næste møde

Torsdag den 5. januar 2006 kl. 17 i Havnegade 39, Respect Europe.