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GTI Submits Letter to EBRD on  
 Disclosure Policy

23RD FEBRUARY 2006

On February 20, 2006, the Global Transparency Initiative (GTI) submitted a letter to the Executive Directors at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) regarding the Bank's draft Public Information Policy (PIP), which is not yet publicly available but was recently discussed by the Board Financial and Operations Policies Committee (FOPC). The letter outlined GTI recommendations to the EBRD for establishing a genuine presumption in favor of disclosure, in which information held by the EBRD is routinely and proactively disclosed to the public. Specific recommendations from the GTI focused on the disclosure of documents produced throughout the project cycle and those associated with the development of country strategies. These recommendations are based on the GTI's draft IFI Transparency Charter, a series

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of provisions which sets out the standards and norms that should govern IFI disclosure policies and the principles that should guide their practices. After reviewing the current PIP internally, the EBRD plans to disclose a new draft PIP for a 45-day public comment period, during which time it will hold a consultation with stakeholders. The EBRD intends to complete the review of the PIP by its May 2006 Annual Meetings in London.

- For more information about the EBRD PIP review, visit Bank Information Center's [Civil Society Guide to IFI Policy Reviews](#)
- [Click here to view the GTI letter to the EBRD](#)

## IFI Transparency Resource Updated

11TH NOVEMBER 2005

The IFI Transparency Resource now reflects the disclosure requirements under the Asian Development Bank's new Public Communications Policy (March 2005) which took effect September 1, 2005. Also, the Resource is currently being updated to include the changes to the Inter-American Investment Corporation's new Disclosure of Information Policy, which the Board passed on October 11, 2005. IIC's policy becomes effective December 1, 2005.

The IFI Transparency Resource systematically documents access to information at ten IFIs in an effort to

identify best practice, develop a comprehensive vision for much needed transparency reforms, and help interested organizations and individuals access relevant information. The data in the Resource deconstructs IFI operations into thirteen broad categories (governing bodies, policies and strategies, the lending cycle, etc.) which in turn are further broken down into almost 250 indicators of transparency. Comparing ten IFIs across 250 transparency indicators has produced the most comprehensive baseline analysis of access to information at the IFIs ever assembled.

To learn more about the IFI Transparency Resource, please visit

<http://www.ifitransparencyresource.org>

## GTI launches consultation on transparency charter for IFIs

1ST SEPTEMBER 2005

The GTI's IFI Transparency Charter will be a founding document, setting out the standards and norms that should govern IFI disclosure policy, and the principles that should guide its practice. A final round of consultations on the Charter are being launched on 28 September 2005. The principles of the draft charter are available in English, French, Spanish and Russian. We encourage all interested individuals and organisations to [download a copy of the Charter](#) and [send us your comments](#). Comments are being sought until 28 November, after which point we

will finalise the Charter.

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