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Key recommendations of TI Cambodia are:

1. Ensure judicial independence.
2. Ensure independence of the Anti-Corruption Unit.
3. Create an enabling environment and conditions for clean businesses and investments.
4. Timely adopt a Law on Access to Information in order to ensure maximum disclosure of information and the application of the law to all persons indiscriminately.
5. Timely adopt a Law on Protection of Reporting Persons (Whistleblowers) that meets international standards.
6. Amend a number of articles of the current Anti-corruption Law, including emphasizing the importance of public asset declaration and including spouses and immediate family members in the asset declaration.
7. Combat nepotism and conflicts of interest in public institutions.
8. Promote culture of integrity, transparency and accountability across all spectrum of the society.

Key recommendations from TI Cambodia's **National Integrity System Assessment (NISA)** in 2014 are:

Reform the Judiciary, in particular:

- Ensure that all courtrooms and court procedures are open to everyone.
- Publish all decisions of judges as well as the reasons behind them.
- Ensure that judges are objectively recruited through an independent appointment body;
and

- In consultation with relevant stakeholders, review and amend the three judicial reform laws to ensure independence of the judiciary.

Amend the Anti-Corruption Law, in particular:

- Article 41, which allows for the imprisonment of a complainant of a corruption-related crime, should be removed; and
- Article 20 should be amended to include a provision that asset declarations will be made public and include spouses and immediate family members in the asset declaration.

Pass a Law on Access to Information, in particular:

- Ensure maximum disclosure, with limited scope of exemptions.
- Place obligations on public bodies to disclose information.
- Ensure the information request process is easy and free or of minimal cost; and
- Include a protection for whistle-blowers.

Reform the Public Sector, in particular:

- Publish details of expenditure, procurement contracts and service fees; and
- Ensure adequate remuneration for civil servants.