G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group

Accountability Report Questionnaire 2014



SUMMARY OF NATIONAL PROGRESS

1. Please provide a high-level summary of the most significant Anti-Corruption measures or initiatives that your country has introduced or implemented since the last progress report. (maximum 1 paragraph).

The 2013 Progress Report can be accessed at http://en.g20russia.ru/docs/g20_russia/materials.html

- In December 2013, the Presidential Anti-Corruption Directorate was established within the Presidential Executive Office. The Anti-Corruption Directorate will be responsible for coordinating anti-corruption activities, monitoring the implementation of the Russian anti-corruption legislation, including the National Anti-Corruption Plan for 2014-2015 as well as drafting proposals on anti-corruption policy.
- In April 2014, a new two-year National Anti-Corruption Plan was adopted. The Plan specifies an extensive list of anti-corruption measures that should be implemented in 2014-2015 in such areas as asset disclosure, beneficial ownership transparency, whistleblower protection, anti-corruption standards for state-owned and private companies, anti-corruption education, revealing foreign assets of public officials, countering kickbacks, etc.
- In July 2013, the Ruling of the Plenum of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation "On Court Practice in Bribery and Other Corruption-Related Criminal Cases" was adopted. The document contains the Supreme court position on implementing complicated criminal law norms related to corruption, including interpretation of completed and uncompleted crimes; sanctioning the promise, offering and soliciting of undue advantage; liability for providing undue advantage to third party beneficiaries; prohibiting provocation of bribery, etc.

UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION (UNCAC)

2.	Has your country ratified the UNCAC?
	YES NO
	If no, is there a process underway to ratify the Convention?
3.	Since the last progress report, has your country proposed or implemented any changes to its legislation to comply with the UNCAC?
	YES NO NO
	If yes, please provide details.
	In the end of 2013 – beginning of 2014 a strong emphasis has been put on 1) enhancing public

(see Questions 36-41). As for anti-corruption measures in the private sector, in May 2014 the Ministry of Labor issued the revised version of the Guidelines for Legal Persons on Developing and Implementing Anti-Corruption Measures. The Guidelines are primarily intended for private companies and provide possible approaches to implementation of the article 13.3 of the Federal law "On combating corruption" in such areas as corruption risk assessment, conflict of interest regulation, promoting standards of conduct, restricting gift-giving and facilitation payments, anti-corruption compliance in dealing with suppliers and contractors, etc. Has your country begun the UNCAC peer review process as a country under review? YES 🖂 ΝО □ If yes, please indicate what stage of review your country has completed and the date. Cycle 1 finished in March 2013. If yes, has your country made use of any of the UNCAC peer review voluntary options, or committed to do so (if the review is not already started)? YES 🖂 a. Publication of full report NO 🗌 COMMITTED TO DO SO YES 🖂 NO 🗌 COMMITTED TO DO SO b. Involvement of civil society YES 🖂 NO 🗌 COMMITTED TO DO SO c. Involvement of business YES 🖂 NO 🗌 COMMITTED TO DO SO d. Allowing country visits If yes, please provide details (e.g., Web link for published report, how and when civil society / business was engaged during the review process, date of country visit) The country visits were organized on August 10-11, 2012. Within the framework of the peer review process the representatives of the major Russian business associations met with the peer reviewers and presented their position. Transparency International Russia prepared its own report titled "Input to the UNCAC Implementation Review Mechanism: Second year of review of UNCAC chapters III and IV" and presented it at the Fifth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption. The full report is published (in Russian) at the official web site of the Prosecutor General's Office of the Russian Federation - http://www.genproc.gov.ru/anticor/doks/document-82921. Has your country taken steps to respond to recommendations identified in its UNCAC peer review report? YES YES TO SOME NO NOT YET RECEIVED THE REPORT If yes, please indicate what steps your country has taken / is taking.

procurement and public finance systems (art. 9 of UNCAC) and 2) preventing corruption in the

As for promoting integrity in procurement, new legislation came into force on the 1 of January 2014

private sector (art. 12 of UNCAC).

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With regards to UNCAC peer review report recommendations, the Ruling of the Plenum of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation "On Court Practice in Bribery and Other Corruption-Related Criminal Cases" adopted in July 2013 is of high importance.

In particular, in the peer review report it was recommended to provide further clarifications on sanctioning 1) the promise and offering of undue advantage, and 2) providing undue advantage to third party beneficiaries. Both issues are directly addressed in the Ruling of the Plenum of the Supreme Court.

7. If you have responded to all or some of the recommendations, have you made those respons publicly available?						
	YES NO NOT YET 🗵					
8.	Has your country taken measures to promote, facilitate and support technical assistance in the prevention of and fight against corruption?					
	YES NO					
If yes, please provide a short overview indicating in which regions and topics you have p technical assistance.						
	BRIBERY					
	Note - questions relating to implementation of the G20 <i>Principles on the Enforcement of the Foreign Bribery Offence</i> endorsed by Leaders in 2013 and the OECD <i>Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions</i> are included in a separate questionnaire. The questions below concern other aspects of bribery not covered by this set of principles.					
9.	Has your country criminalized the domestic offer or payment of bribes (active bribery)?					
	YES NO NO					
10.	Has your country criminalized the domestic solicitation or acceptance of bribes (passive bribery)?					
	YES NO NO					
11.	If no, is your country taking steps to criminalize active and/or passive bribery?					
	YES NO NO					
ĺ	If yes, please provide details.					

12.	Has your country instituted measures to discourage the solicitation of bribes?
	YES NO NO
	If yes, please provide details. In 2013 in accordance with the National Anti-Corruption Plan 2012-2013 the Ministry of Labor issued the Guidelines for the public servants on preventing behavior that may be interpreted as solicitation of bribes.
13.	Does your country provide support for/work with business in resisting solicitation?
	YES NO NO
	If yes, please provide details.
	 Under the auspices of the Presidential Anti-Corruption Council a Working Group on Collaboration of Government and Business in the Fight against Corruption has been established. The Group includes representatives of both government agencies and major Russian business associations and considers various anti-corruption aspects of government- business interaction.
	 In May 2013, the Federal law "On business ombudsmen" was adopted that established positions of business ombudsmen at both federal and regional levels. At federal level business ombudsman is appointed by the President of the Russian Federation. The ombudsman is responsible for protecting the right of businesses, especially SMEs, in their interaction with overseeing government agencies, including receiving complaints about solicitation and corruption, seizing certain government agencies decisions and appealing them to court, etc.
14.	Has your country instituted measures to discourage facilitation payments?
	YES NO NO
	If yes, please provide details.
	Public office holders and public servants are prohibited by law from receiving any gifts related to their official duties except for the gifts given at protocol events. As for the gifts received at protocol events a public official can hold only the gifts with a value less than 3000 rubles (approximately 80 US dollars). All other gifts should be transferred to the respective government agency. In January 2014, the Government of the Russian Federation issued the Ruling #10 to further clarify

the application of the gift-receiving standards. In particular, in accordance with the Ruling, all gifts

The Guidelines for Legal Persons on Developing and Implementing Anti-Corruption Measures issued in May 2014 consider business gift-giving as a practice with high corruption risks and discourage

companies from giving public officials any gifts, even with a value less than 3000 rubles.

received by public officials at protocol events should be declared.

ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING

15.	15. Since the 2013 progress report, has your country taken any measures to implement the revised F standards on anti-money laundering?				
	YES NO NO				
	If yes, please provide details.				
	The Concept for Developing AML/CFT System in the Russian Federation till 2020 as well as other				
	measures to further enhance the Russian anti-money laundering legislation are now being elaborated. The Concept should be submitted to the President of the Russian Federation by June				
	2015.				
16.	Since the last progress report, have changes to your country's anti-money laundering legislation been proposed or implemented?				
	YES NO NO				
	If yes, please provide details.				
	In April 2014, the National Plan on Countering Tax Evasion and Concealing Beneficial Owners of Companies was adopted - http://www.fedsfm.ru/documents/rfm/1087 The Plan implies developing a number of important measures to further improve the Russian anti-money laundering legislation in accordance with the FATF recommendations as well as G8 and G20 decisions. In particular, responsible government agencies should submit to the Government of the Russian Federation their proposals on introducing the beneficial ownership registries (by June 2014), improving certain beneficial ownership identification procedures (December 2014), enhancing information exchange on violation of AML/CFT rules (December 2015), etc.				
	DENIAL OF ENTRY				
17.	Have any changes to your country's legislation, regulations or powers to deny entry to foreign officials charged with or convicted of corruption offences been proposed/implemented since the last progress report?				
	YES NO NO				
	If yes, please provide details.				
	If no, is such legislation under consideration?				
	YES NO NO				
	If yes, please provide details.				
	INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION				

	rinciples?	y's administration of mutual legal assistance co	onsistent with the G20 High	Levei
	YES 🔀	NO 🗌		
If	f your countr	y's approach is not yet consistent, are you taki	ng steps to implement the P	rinciples?
	YES 🗌	NO 🗌		
	If yes, plea	se provide details.		
	are you aware Assistance?	e of your country having used one or more of t	he G20 country Guides to M	lutual Legal
If	f yes, please	provide details.		
n	nutual assista	e of non-G20 members having used the G20 Gonce from your country? provide details.	uide to Mutual Legal Assista	nce to request
21.	•	hanges to your country's legislation related to st progress report?	international cooperation b	een proposed
		se provide details.		
	ii yes, pied	se provide details.		
22.		ountry either used UNCAC, or stated that it wil utual legal assistance (MLA) and/or extradition		the treaty
	a. Has use	ed as the treaty basis for MLA	YES 🗌	NO 🖂
	b. Will allo	ow use as the treaty basis for MLA	YES 🔀	NO 🗌
	c. Has use	d as the treaty basis for extradition	YES 🗌	NO 🖂
	d. Will allo	ow use as the treaty basis for extradition	YES 🔀	NO 🗌

23.	Do domestic authorities in your country coopera of international organizations?	te and share information with the integrity offices
	a. Cooperate and share information	
	b. Could cooperate, but has not been asked	
	c. Cannot cooperate	
	If you cannot cooperate, please provide details.	
24.	Has your country designated an appropriate authlaw enforcement requests relating to asset recovery	nority responsible for mutual legal assistance and very (a point of contact)?
	YES NO	
	If yes, to which organizations:	
	a. UNODC	
	b. StAR/Interpol Focal Point Initiative	
	c. Camden Asset Recovery Network	
	d. Other(s)	
	If yes to 'Other(s)', please provide details.	
25	ASSET RECOVERY	
25.	Does your country have legislation allowing for a legislation proposed?	isset recovery by foreign authorities or is such
	YES NO	
	If yes, please provide details. Asset recovery issues are dealt within the frame assistance in criminal cases, in particular the articular Russian Federation.	-
26.	Has your country established a specialist/dedicate corruption? YES NO	ted unit for the recovery of the proceeds of
	If yes, please provide the name of the specialist u	unit and contact details.
	Prosecutor General's Office	

	125993 GSP-3, Russia, Moscow, Bolshaya Dmitrovka, 15A				
27.	Does your country publish or otherwise make publicly available details of amounts frozen, seized, recovered or returned?				
	YES NO				
	If yes, please provide details.				
28.	Is your country providing technical assistance to developing countries aimed at helping the recovery and return of proceeds of corruption?				
	YES NO				
	If yes, please provide details.				
	TRANSPARENCY OF LEGAL ENITITIES				
29.	Does your country have transparency requirements for legal persons, including companies, bodies corporate, foundations and partnerships?				
	YES NO				
	If yes, please provide details.				
	All domestic legal persons should be registered in the Unified Register of Legal Persons that is administered by the Federal Revenue Service. In accordance with the National Plan on Countering Tax Evasion and Concealing Beneficial Owners of Companies proposals on introducing beneficial ownership registries should be developed by June 2014.				
30.	Does your country require that the beneficial ownership and company formation of all legal persons organized for profit be reported by the legal person?				
	YES NO				
	If yes, to whom is it reported?				
31.	If yes, is this information available to the public?				
	YES NO NO				

If this information is not available to the public, is it available to law enforcement?

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	YES 🗌	NO 🗌		
	WHISTLE BL	OWER PROTECTION		
33.	Does your c	ountry have legislation to protect whistleblowers:		
	a. In the pu	ıblic sector	YES 🔀	NO 🗌
	b. In the pr	ivate sector	YES 🔀	NO 🗌
34.	Have change monitoring	es to whistle blower protection legislation been proposed or report?	implemented	I since the last
	YES 🔀	NO 🗌		
	If yes, pleas	e provide details.		
	In accordan	ce with the National Anti-Corruption Plan for 2014-2015, drawer protection should be developed by November 2014.	ft legislation	on
35. Since the last progress report, has your country implemented any measures to protect journalists reporting incidents of corruption? If yes, please provide details				
	PROCUREM	IENT		
3	6. Does yo	ur country publish online any of the following?		
	a. Procurer	ment laws and policies including any legislation defining the eptions	YES 🔀	NO 🗌
	b. Selection	n and evaluation criteria	YES 🔀	NO 🗌
	c. Awards	of contracts and modifications of contracts	YES 🔀	NO 🗌
	Please provi	de details.		
	In accordan	ce with the Federal Law N44 "On public procurement" the in	formation on	
	selection/ev	raluation criteria, contracts awarded as well as vast amount o	of other infor	mation
	are publishe	ed on the specialized official web-portal http://zakupki.gov.ru	1/	

37. Since the last progress report, have any new initiatives to promote public procurement transparency and integrity been proposed or implemented?	
If yes, please provide details.	
In April 2013, the new Federal law #44 "On contractual system in public procurement" was adopted that implies the most significant upgrade of the Russian public procurement system since 2005.	
The new legislation will come into force gradually, beginning from January 1, 2014. In 2013-2014 pilot projects on implementation of the contractual system were conducted in six regions of the Russians Federation. As a result, significant amendments to the Federal law #44 have been made.	
The new law contains a wide array of novels, including additional provisions aimed at enhancing transparency, regulating conflict of interest and preventing corruption.	
In particular, one of important innovations which has been put into practice in the beginning of 2014 is an obligatory public discussion of all government procurement contracts with a value of more than 1 billion rubles (approximately 27 million US dollars).	
interest? YES NO I	
 Public procurement officials are subject to general conflict of interest regulations that apply to all Russian public servants. In particular, they have to disclose to their employers any personal interests that can lead to a conflict of interest and compromise their decision-making and take measures to manage existing conflicts of interest. In accordance with the amendments (December 2013) to the Federal law #44 "On contractual system in public procurement", one of 9 key requirements to possible contractors is that there should be no conflict of interest between a contractor and respective public procurement officials. 	
39. Are companies that have been found to be involved in corrupt contracting practices exfrom future participation in public tenders?	cluded
YES NO X	
If yes, please provide details.	
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40. If yes, is the debarment list of International Financial Institutions taken into account?

YES NO NO

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4	41. Are the names of companies excluded from future available?	ure participation in p	public tenders made publicly	
YES NO If yes, please provide details. The names, as well as other information about the companies restricted or excluded from participation in public tenders is published in the Register of Dishonest Suppliers. The Register (available at http://zakupki.gov.ru/epz/dishonestsupplier/dishonestSuppliersQuickSearch/search.html) is				
	administered by the Federal Antimonopoly Service of DISCLOSURE BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS	or the Russian Federa	iuon.	
42.	Does your country require disclosure by public offici	als of:		
	a. Income	YES 🔀	NO 🗌	
	b. Assets	YES 🔀	№ □	
	c. Conflicts of interest	YES 🔀	№ □	
	d. Gifts	YES 🔀	NO 🗌	
	e. Other	YES 🔀	NO 🗌	
	If yes, please provide details.			
 Properties: immovable assets (including ty (including vehicles, planes, ships, etc.) Investments and Liabilities: bank account institution, account number and value of for company, number of shares, mode of acquentity/individual holding it) Incomes: All values of income. Sources are from the main workplace, income from see particular entity associated with the value Positions: main workplace Gifts and funded travels: In accordance with public officials of various categories (included servants, certain employees of state-owner gifts received in relation to their official during disclosure is separate from the income and Other: 		information (name are nots in account), secusition), liabilities (included are line), liabilities (included are line), income from the Government Deng, for example, pub corporations, etc) are and not directly passet disclosure.	nd address of financial rities and shares (name of uding value and discategories such as income bank deposits, etc). The fied. ecision N 10 of 09.01.2014 lic office holders, civil re required to disclose all rohibited by law. The gift	
 Expenses. Any acquisition of real estate, means of transport, and securities price over a specified limit. For any such transaction the sources of income acquire property in question should be disclosed. 				

0	Conflict of interest. Public officials should disclose to their employers any personal
	interests that can lead to a conflict of interest and compromise the decision-
	making. The conflict of interest disclosure is separate from the income and asset
	disclosure. The relevant disclosure form is now being developed.

Outside employment. Civil servants are required to disclose to the agency head any paid employment outside the civil service.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS' IMMUNITIES

43.	Does your country provide immunities from prosecution to individuals holding public offices for corruption related offences?				
	a. All public office holders	YES 🗌	NO 🗌		
	b. Certain public office holders	YES 🔀	NO 🗌		
	c. No immunities available to public office holders	YES 🗌	NO 🗌		
	d. While in office	YES 🗌	NO 🗌		
	e. Permanently	YES 🗌	NO 🗌		
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	If yes, which public office holders are immune and if immun	•			.1
	The list of public office holders immune from criminal prose		•		
	Criminal Procedure Code. Most public office holders from t	the list are im	mune only w	hile in offic	e,
	the only exception is the President of the Russian Federation	on, as even a	former Presi	dent is	
	immune.				
	The immunity implies that with regard to the public office h	nolders ment	ioned in the	list the	
	prosecution is launched in accordance with special procedures different from the one applied to all other persons.				
	EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES				
44.	Is your country involved in any of the following internation	al anti-corrup	otion education	onal initiativ	ves?
	International Anti-Corruption Academy		YES 🔀	NO 🗌	
	UNODC Anti-Corruption Academic Initiative		YES 🔀	NO 🗌	
	Other international anti-corruption educational initiative(s)	YES 🗌	NO 🗌	
	If yes, please provide details.				
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	Russia is a cooperating partner of the International Anti-Co	•	•		
	the Agreement for the Establishment of the International A	anti-Corruptio	on Academy a	as an	
	International Organization on March 1, 2011.				

Russia also participated in the development of the UNODC Anti-Corruption Academic Initiative, e.g. submitted comments on the draft UNODC academic course on the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

public office holders?				
YES 🔀	NO			
If yes, please provide details.				
•	The Russian Ministry of Labor annually organizes anti-corruption training for senior civil servants. The specific contents of the anti-corruption module are to a large extent defined by a university awarded with the training contract – the curriculum is usually focused on recent developments in international and domestic anti-corruption legislation. Specialized anti-corruption training is provided annually to approximately 1500-2000 officials from government agencies' anti-corruption offices. As the anti-corruption offices are responsible for implementing the anti-corruption policy at the grassroots level, the training curriculum is focused mainly on practical issues, e.g. filling/submitting/verifying financial disclosures, applying standards of conduct and conflict of interest regulations to everyday situations, etc. In 2014, in accordance with the National Anti-Corruption Plan, a "train the trainers" program will be organized by the Russian Academy of National Economy and Public Service for academic staff involved in anti-corruption education at both federal and regional levels.			
	your country or business associations in your country promote anti-corruption training e sector?			
YES 🔀] NO [
If yes, please provide details.				
The ob	oligation to develop and regularly revise the anti-corruption training programs is			
includ	ed in the Anti-Corruption Charter for Russian Businesses signed by four major Russian			
busine	ess associations in September 2012.			
In 201	3-2014 the Russian business associations conducted a number of anti-corruption			
training programs for private companies.				

Has your country disseminated G20 products and documents developed by the group with relevant

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domestic authorities?

	YES NO 🗌		
	If yes, please provide details. In 2013, the G20 ACWG work and results achieved were considered Coordination of Work of the Federal Executive Authorities and Othe Russian Federation's International Agreements on Fighting Corrupt representatives of all relevant authorities, including Prosecutor Ger Committee, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Federal Security Service, M Ministry of Justice, etc. The G20 ACWG products and documents we Commission members. Key final documents were translated into Ru	er State Agencies ion. The Commiss neral's Office, Inve inistry of Foreign ere regularly distri	in Fulfilling ion comprised estigative Affairs,
	JUDICIARY		
48.	. Has your country taken any measures to promote and disseminate the Integrity?	e Bangalore Princ	iples for Judicial
	If yes, please provide details		
	In December 2012, a revised Code of Judicial Ethics was adopted in ac Principles. According to the Federal law "On combating corruption", key anti-cor applied to the Judiciary, including asset disclosure requirements, conf and hospitality restrictions, outside employment restrictions, etc. The introduced in 2013, including expense disclosure and foreign account federal judges.	ruption standards lict of interest reg anti-corruption n	s are now gulations, gifts neasures
49.	. Has your country taken other measures to promote the accountability Judiciary?	/ and independen	ce of the
	If yes, please provide details		
	SECTOR-SPECIFIC TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVES		
50.	. Is your country supporting or implementing any sector-specific initi	atives?	
	Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) Implementing Support	YES YES	NO ⊠ NO ⊠
	Construction Sector Transparency Initiative (CoST) Implementing	YES 🗌	NO 🖂

	Support	11.3	NO 🖂
	Other (specify below) Implementing Support	YES YES	NO ⊠ NO ⊠
	Please provide details on other sectoral initiatives supported by your co taken in relation to specific sectors.	untry, or dom	nestic measures
51.	Does your government have integrity pacts with the business sector?		
	YES NO NO		
	If yes, please provide details.		

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 $NO \square$

FISCAL AND BUDGET TRANSPARENCY

52. Has your country taken steps to implement the IMF Good Practices in Fiscal Transparency?

YES NO

Support

If yes, please provide details.

On May 26, 2014 the Russian pilot Fiscal Transparency Evaluation Report was published (http://www.minfin.ru/common/upload/library/2014/05/main/Russia_Fiscal_Transparency_Evaluation_Report-May 26_2014-English_- k_publikatsii.pdf). The report was developed by the IMF at request of the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation.

The report is the result of one of eight IMF pilot projects aimed at evaluating countries' fiscal reporting, fiscal forecasting and budgeting, and fiscal risk management practices against the standards set by the revised draft of the IMF's Fiscal Transparency Code.

In accordance with the report, "most aspects of Russia's fiscal reporting and budgeting practices are in line with good or advanced practice under the July 2013 draft of the Fiscal Transparency Code, and the disclosure and management of fiscal risks has significantly improved in recent years (Table 0.1). Specifically, over the past decade and a half:

- the 1998 Budget Code and subsequent amendments have established a comprehensive legal framework for fiscal management at all levels of government;
- the government began publishing cash-based in-year and year-end fiscal reports and accrual-based annual financial statements as well as fiscal statistics which consolidate Federal, regional, and municipal governments in line with international standards;
- detailed and credible medium-term macroeconomic forecasts have been prepared since early 2000, and a new oil price-based fiscal rule was introduced in 2013 to encourage sustainable and counter-cyclical fiscal policymaking;
- the coverage of the Federal government budget has steadily expanded and the three main remaining extra-budgetary funds are presented and approved alongside it in a timely

manner;

- the policy-orientation of the budget has improved thanks to a comprehensive and detailed medium-term budget framework introduced in 2008, and a new program and performance budgeting system introduced in the 2014 Budget; and
- firm central controls over key sources of fiscal risks have been established, including annual limits on the issuance of debt, credit, and guarantees by the Federal government, and on borrowing by sub-national governments".

The report highlights a number of important areas where fiscal transparency practices could be further improved and makes nine recommendations aimed at enhancing the information base for fiscal decision-making and ensuring the country keeps pace with evolving international transparency standards and practices.

53.	Has your countr	y taken steps to	implement the OEO	CD Best Practices of	on Budget Tra	insparency?
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YES 🖂	№ П
YES I	NOII

If yes, please provide details.

In 2013-2014 a plethora of important steps have been taken to enhance transparency of the Russian budget system and budget process that are in line with the OECD Best Practices, for example:

- in 2013, a beta-version of the web-portal "Electronic budget" (budget.gov.ru) was launched. The portal contains various types of information, including description of the budget process, main characteristics of the Russia's budget, structure of budget revenues and expenditures, data on budget execution, relevant legislation and services, etc.;
- in December 2013 the first ever Russian Citizens' Budget was published by the Ministry of Finance (http://www.minfin.ru/common/upload/library/2013/12/main/Budzhet_dlya_grazhdan_k_349-FZ.pdf).
- in April 2014, the Ruling №320 of the Government of the Russian Federation was adopted that launched a Federal program "State finance management and financial markets regulation". The Federal program contains a separate chapter on enhancing openness and transparency of public finance management that specifies key relevant measure for the next 7 years.

Thank your for your time in completing this questionnaire.