

Witness Name: Daniel Bruce

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UK COVID-19 INQUIRY

WITNESS STATEMENT OF DANIEL BRUCE ON BEHALF OF THE UK ANTI-CORRUPTION COALITION (UKACC)

I, Daniel Bruce, provide this confirmatory witness statement as follows: -

Role, skills and experience:

1. I am the Chief Executive of Transparency International UK, a position I have held since October 2019. Transparency International UK is the British chapter of the global Transparency International coalition against corruption with fellow chapters in more than 100 countries. We are politically non-partisan and base all of our policy recommendations to government/s, the private sector and other stakeholders on robust evidence gathering and research. With my team, I develop and lead the implementation of our strategy which has a specific practice area focused on the protection of public resources. We also advocate for increased integrity in public life, business and the protection of the UK economy from illicit financial flows.
2. The UKACC witness statement, dated 5 December 2024, makes extensive reference to Transparency International's comprehensive research into corruption risks and red flags in the UK Government's approach to Covid-19 related procurement. By virtue of my role, I served as de facto editor in chief of both 'Track and Trace' in 2021 and 'Behind the Masks' in 2024, shaping final recommendation and lessons learned and representing our findings in the media and through our public policy advocacy. Broadly, it is a routine function of my role to provide expert evidence to parliamentary committees and other advisory and investigatory bodies.
3. Prior to my current role I served as Chief Executive of the media support and training charity, Internews, from February 2014-September 2019. I first joined the organization in 2008 as Chief of Party for journalism training and media infrastructure programmes in East Africa and fulfilled other roles such as Director of Development until my appointment as Chief Executive.

4. I have further consulted on anti-corruption, public accountability and media initiatives for other organisations including Article 19, Fondation Hirondelle, the Public Media Alliance and UNESCO.
5. I worked as a broadcast journalist and editor in my early career from 1998-2008.

Involvement with the UK Anti-Corruption Coalition

6. As such, I frequently liaise with my counterpart heads of member organisations whilst also acting as the employer for the small team of UKACC secretariat staff.
7. I confirm that I have read and fully agree with the contents of the UKACC witness statement, dated 5 December 2025, and supplied by Peter Munro.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief of its truth.

Personal Data

Signed: _____

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