



**LIETUVOS RESPUBLIKOS SEIMO KONTROLIERIŲ ĮSTAIGA**  
**THE SEIMAS OMBUDSMEN'S OFFICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA**

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Dear Sir,

With reference to the email regarding corruption and human rights as of 24 September, we would like to note that corruption cases are outside the Seimas Ombudsman's powers of investigation. If a complaint regarding corruption case is received, the Seimas Ombudsman acts as a mediator and transfers the complaint to the institution in charge with a request to investigate it and report on the outcomes. Moreover, it can be alleged that the Seimas Ombudsmen perform preventive functions, since they aim to explain the people about the harmful impact of corruption (on economy, social and political life, etc.). The Seimas Ombudsmen also strive to achieve that the State would guarantee proper conditions for its citizens to report on corruption cases without any fear.

The main institution that deals with corruption issues in Lithuania is an anti-corruption agency – Special Investigation Service, which is responsible for coordination of Lithuania's anti-corruption strategy, for solving and prevention of corruption related crimes, for encouraging the public to show intolerance towards and engage in an active fight against corruption, and for coordination of anti-corruption measures between governmental institutions and between these institutions and the society. In addition, there is one main actor in the non-governmental sector that works exclusively in this field, i.e. Transparency International Lithuanian Chapter. It analysis the phenomenon of corruption, is actively engaged in promotion of civic and anti-corruption initiatives, and informs the public of the anti-corruption activities in Lithuania.

According to the data of the research performed in 2011 on the request of the Special Investigation Service, both citizens and civil servants of the Republic of Lithuania indicate the following situations as most common corruption cases in the country:

- An official or a public officer seizes cash reward or a gift for the performance of the service or acceleration of this performance;
- A political party promises to take a businessman friendly decision if he provides financial support to the party;
- A person gives a cash reward or a gift to a public officer or an official for the service to be provided better and faster.

Although, we are not able to provide concrete proposals regarding measures to be taken by the Human Rights Council, its subsidiary bodies or the United Nations human rights mechanisms in order to combat corruption, we are eager to participate in an anti-corruption initiatives that integrate a human rights-based approach.

Yours sincerely,

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