The measures of success for the Dead Sea conference:

- All 80 states parties which have ratified and all remaining states parties are present at the conference.
- A clear decision is made to set up a full scale review mechanism, with a survey by all states parties to cover mandatory and non-mandatory provisions.
- The immediate establishment of an international, transparent and externally audited fund for experts in legal cases and a global capacity-building programme, especially focused on the judiciary and law enforcement agencies.

A measure of success?

It’s the last day of the conference, everyone is getting weary of the negotiations, and there has been a complex series of new drafts, new additions, crossings-out and amendments. Delegates could be forgiven for getting confused with it all. However, the last edition of Monitor has come to the rescue, providing a super-easy checklist with which delegates can report back to their governments—and to those populations who are living under the burden of corruption-induced poverty—about whether they have achieved success at this meeting. In order to test whether your five days by the Dead Sea have been effective, all you need is a pencil. If you can tick the boxes in the left hand column—you will have succeeded in taking some useful steps which will lead as soon as possible towards practical action to reduce corruption. If you find yourself ticking the boxes in the right-hand column—which are what civil society considers to be the criteria for disappointment, maybe even failure—then the answer is simple. More work to be done.

We look forward to seeing you next year!

The measures of disappointment for the Dead Sea conference:

- Deferred decisions to track how countries’ promises are put into practice; a working group is set up instead to propose recommendations for the 2007 Conference of states parties.
- No donor support for legal assistance and capacity building on asset recovery.
- 3 years after the entering into force of the convention, no concrete steps towards its implementation.
- 30% of the ratifying parties are not represented at the CoSP.
Monitor Awards

It’s ironic, isn’t it, that the leading global anti-corruption forum, which should be recognising the crucial role of transparency in fighting corruption, has been conducting most of its deliberations behind closed doors?

Due to its inability to hear all of the discussions, Monitor is unable to grant the promised award announced in our first issue.