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### Indicators of Commercial Fraud (A/CN.9/624, A/CN.9/624/Add.1 and A/CN.9/624/Add.2)

#### Compilation of comments received from Governments and international organizations

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## II. Compilation of comments

### A. States

#### 4. Mali

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1. The document deals satisfactorily with commercial fraud and the related topics (corruption and bribery, money-laundering, transparency and best practices). All important fraud indicators are listed, described and illustrated, with advice offered regarding what may be done to avoid or counteract the effects of the behaviour identified.
  2. However, the illustrations supporting the examples given do not provide adequate information for the reader, especially the uninitiated reader. The cross-reference system adopted for dealing with the related indicators does not make for rapid understanding of the problem. Furthermore, the approach to fraud used is based more on the situation in developed countries.
  3. The indicators of commercial fraud in the A/CN.9/624 series of documents, and also indicators 10, 12, 13, 16, 20 and 21, concern practices that are frequently encountered, or are likely to be encountered, in developing countries. Practical training in recognizing these indicators and taking preventive action would be useful.
  4. Mali, aware of the threat to its development posed by commercial fraud, has been fighting hard against this scourge for some time. Accordingly, it considers the UNCITRAL anti-fraud project to be very opportune.
  5. Given the importance of the document, Mali strongly supports its adoption and implementation.
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