Grant Agreement
Between
The Partnership for Transparency Fund
and
Ligue des Indépendants pour la Transparence, of the Republic of Togo

1. Ligue des Indépendants pour la Transparence, Togo (LIT) has requested financial support of the Partnership for Transparency Fund (PTF) for the second phase of its program to train in Togo about one hundred active journalists in investigative journalism. The recently completed externally-funded first phase entailed the training of some forty journalists. The second phase for which PTF support has been requested will be for 20 active journalists who will receive a one-month intensive curricular and professional training in investigative journalism. This training is expected to be organized in November 2007 in partnership with the Faculty of Journalism of the University of Lomé and with the participation of reputed practitioners/trainers in investigative journalism. The training will be sanctioned by a diploma to be delivered by the Faculty of Journalism of the University of Lomé. Ligue des Indépendants pour la Transparence confirms that the design of the proposed training program has incorporated lessons learned from the first phase training and that active support and participation of the relevant Togolese journalist associations and press organizations has been enlisted. Under the proposed second phase training, an annual Prize for Best Investigative Reporting will be established, and the first award, expected to be made in June 2008, will be supported by the requested financing. Implementation of the proposed second phase is expected to be initiated by October 15, 2007 and to be completed no later than September 15, 2008.

2. LIT has submitted the attached Project Proposal dated September 2007, which incorporates its responses to PTF’s queries and comments on earlier draft project proposals. The correspondence exchanged as part of this process is also attached.

3. On the basis of this information, PTF has approved a grant of US$22,500 to be disbursed in three tranches of $10,000, $9,000 and $3,500,000 for the purposes spelled out in the attached documents. The uses of the PTF funds will be for the budget items listed in the attached Project Proposal. Local counterpart contribution in the amount of CFAFr 525,000 or US$3,225 equivalent will be made available by LIT in accordance with the provisions of the attached Project Proposal.

4. The PTF Grant will be made available to LIT on the following conditions:

(a) The grant will be used only for the purposes described in the attached Project Proposal. Any material changes in the use of project funds or project design shall be made only with the agreement of the PTF.

(b) Any funds remaining at the end of the project shall be returned by LIT to the PTF.

(c) LIT shall keep a record of all expenditures incurred under the project and will provide PTF a full certified accounting of these expenditures, with relevant documentation, on completion of the project, or no later than September 15, 2008. These expenditures will also be subject to the regular auditing requirements of LIT.

(d) LIT will make brief quarterly reports on the implementation of the project accompanied by a statement of expenditure showing the use of PTF funds and, on project completion, a full detailed final report summarising the implementation of the project and assessing its impact on reducing corruption in Togo and a certified final itemised statement of expenditure.

(e) Following project completion, the PTF may make its own independent ex post evaluation of the implementation, outcome and impact of the project. LIT will
furnish the person appointed to undertake this task all possible assistance and access to all relevant documents.

5. LIT will be responsible for securing all necessary government approvals of the grant, if any, and any necessary government filings. LIT will be responsible for paying any tax liability arising from the grant.

6. LIT will post this agreement, the attached Project Proposal, any agreed revision and the completion report on its website.

7. The PTF will disburse the first tranche of US$10,000 on the signature of this grant agreement; the second tranche of US$9,000 will be disbursed once the course is ongoing and PTF receives from LIT a certified statement of expenditure showing the itemised use made of the first tranche funds accompanied by a brief report on progress made in the implementation of the project satisfactory to PTF; the third tranche of US$3,500 will be disbursed on receipt of a final completion report together with a certified itemised statement of expenditures.

8. The signed copy of the Grant Agreement and the request for the second and third tranche releases may be faxed to the Secretary of the PTF at 1-202-363-4676. The original copy of the Grant Agreement should be mailed to Daniel Ritchie, Secretary, PTF, at 1100 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington DC 20037-1501 USA.

Dated:

29.10.2007

For
The Partnership for Transparency Fund

Daniel Ritchie
Secretary

Agreed

Chairman, Executive Board
Ligue des Indépendants pour la Transparence, Togo

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Date:

Attachment 1 – Project Proposal and Budget dated September 2007
Attachment 2 – Relevant email exchange between LIT and PTF