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Dear Colleague,

Over the last thirty-five years, the Cambridge Symposium has established itself as a unique vehicle for promoting, at a truly international level, greater understanding of the real and practical issues involved in preventing and controlling economic crime, corruption and abuse and thereby facilitating meaningful co-operation. The programme for our Thirty-Fifth annual symposium has been designed on the advice of agencies and individuals with real and current involvement in identifying and controlling the risks, particularly to those who mind other people's wealth, presented by criminal and subversive activity. The overarching theme for this year is both topical and highly relevant. Simply stated it is who should be responsible for protecting us from the harm caused by economically motivated crime and how we can assist them in doing a better job for all our sakes. These vital issues are pursued in a practical, applied and relevant manner, by those who with the benefit of experience are best placed to do so. We strive to offer a rich and deep analysis of the real issues and in particular threats to our institutions and economies presented by economically motivated crime and misconduct. We are also equally concerned to offer and assist in developing, if not solutions, at least better practices based on real experience and application. Therefore, well over 600 experts from around the world will share their experience and knowledge with other participants drawn from policy makers, law enforcement, compliance, regulation, business and the professions.

In considering how to better discourage and control economic crime we examine the real threats facing our economies and in particular those who look after other people's wealth not just from criminals and terrorists, but also indirectly as a result of law enforcement and regulatory intervention. We also context these risks and the responses not only in terms of the law, but also regulation and especially compliance practice. Therefore in every specialist panel or workshop there is an array of relevant practical experience and expertise. In recent years the symposium has attracted well over 1,800 participants from over 90 countries. Just spend a few minutes to look through the 35th Symposium programme, I am confident that you will be impressed by its depth, breadth and relevance. The symposium is not an ordinary conference - it was conceived to fulfil a very practical purpose. To promote understanding of the real issues in controlling economically motivated crime and facilitate co-operation and effective action – ideally preventive. Consequently, we make every effort to foster networking and promoting meaningful co-operation.

The annual symposium over the last thirty-five years has brought together in one of the oldest medieval Colleges of the University of Cambridge, ministers, legislators, senior officials, diplomats, judges, regulators, law enforcement, intelligence and security officers, financial intermediaries, bankers, professional advisers, compliance and risk officers and researchers from around the world. This programme is structured to provide a depth and breadth of opportunity - second to none, for those participating in the symposium to become aware not only of existing, but also new threats, and how best to address them.

The Cambridge Symposium is not and has never been just a conference. It is organised on a non-profit making basis by some of the world's most respected academic and research institutions with the active involvement and support of numerous governmental and inter-governmental organisations. Those who are concerned to protect and promote the integrity and wellbeing of their national economy, institution or enterprise – or who are concerned to better understand the risks facing business today, cannot afford to miss this very special event.

We have made every effort to draw together the widest possible variety of experts from a broad range of disciplines and organisations, but all with very real knowledge and experience. The Symposium is not and has never been a theoretical talking shop or "show case" for particular interest groups. It survives and prospers because of its practical relevance to those who return year after year and the increasing number of new friends that join us, in developing a truly international network of those who wish to facilitate the protection of their economies and institutions. If you have any doubts, just take a few minutes to run through the programme. The organisers are well aware of the value to participants in meeting and discussing particular problems with colleagues on an informal basis. Consequently, through the programme of workshops and in particular during the social activities and in the think tanks, there is considerable scope for discussing specific and particular issues. The registration fee covers participation in the main programme, the workshops, extensive documentation, lunch and dinner in College. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact either myself at Jesus College, or Mrs Angela Futter (telephone +44 (0)1223 872160 or +44 (0)7950 047259, fax +44 (0)1223 872160, e-mail info@crimesymposium.org).

If you are not in a position to attend the Symposium this year, but would like to be kept informed of other programmes run by CIDOEC and other organising institutions, please do contact us. We would also be most grateful if you could pass the Symposium programme to any colleague who you think might be interested in participating.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Barry A.K. Rider OBE, Executive Director and Co-Chairman of the Symposium