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Since its establishment eight years ago, the **COI** has been moving strongly toward achieving its goal of curbing corruption, introducing transparency to various procedures and directives and developing efficient administrative systems based on transparent performance. To achieve these goals, it was necessary to establish a culture of integrity and anticorruption and to promote the sense of citizenship and accountability amongst Iraqis.

Establishing such a culture requires enormous efforts in many areas, most notably conducting researches and studies and benefitting from anticorruption experiences in other countries.

The **COI** Law 30/2011, which established the Research and Studies Directorate to conduct researches and studies on corruption, measure corruption levels and impacts, identify its causes and find ways to curb and prevent it, illustrates the importance of this field.

The Research and Studies Directorate is headed by a Director General with at least a university degree in statistical science, law, sociology or psychology and with 10-year experience minimum in a relevant specialization.

This Directorate is currently in the process of establishing itself and boosting its human and financial resources in order to carry out all assigned activities in the best possible way.

This Directorate has 26 employees and they all hold bachelor's degrees or higher as follows:

| Ph.D. | Master | Bachelor | Total |
|-------|--------|----------|-------|
| 1 | 3 | 22 | 26 |

Specializations:

| Law | Statistics | Statisticians | Other | Total |
|-----|------------|---------------|-------|-------|
| 6 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 26 |

This Directorate consists of a number of departments:

- 1- Research Department: this Department prepares and presents researches on aspects and causes of corruption and methods of curbing and preventing it. This requires many steps including:
 - A- Creating a database for all researches and studies prepared by the **COI** employees and also by outsiders including foreign researches and studies, and providing as much researches and studies as possible.
 - B- Standardizing the research and study process.
 - C- Setting timetables for completing every research or study.
- 2- Analysis and Evaluation Department: this Department ensures that all researches and studies are issued within a precise methodical framework in accordance with the highest standards. The key duties of this Department are:

- A- To establish scales of quality for the acceptance of researches and studies based on compliance with the set standards and also level of this compliance.
- B- To analyze and evaluate all researches and studies prepared by **COI** employees and outside researchers and also foreign researches after being translated into Arabic.
- 3- Statistics Department: this Department exists since the establishment of the Commission and was affiliated with the Research and Studies Directorate and is in charge of developing questionnaires designed to gather information and asking questions about aspects of corruption in state institutions in particular and in society in general. The Department's key duties are:
- A- To establish standards for developing questionnaires and statistical surveys forms.
- B- To follow up the latest methods in analyzing information collected from questionnaires and surveys.
- C- To develop and prepare questionnaires and statistical surveys forms related to aspects of corruption.
- D- To take part in handling the statistical aspects in the researches and studies prepared by **COI** employees.

Activities Implemented in the Statistics Department This Year

| Activity | No. |
|---|---------------|
| Sort and analyze the National Anti-Bribery Campaign survey | 237,225 forms |
| Issue reports on the results of the National Anti-Bribery Campaign survey | 14 reports |
| Sort and analyze the forms of following-up the situations of those detained pending further investigation by COI | 611 forms |
| Contribute to issuing monthly statistical reports on the situations of those detained pending further investigation by COI | Nine reports |
| Contribute to issuing statistical tables on the accused referred to the competent court, the convicts and the sentence | 72 tables |
| Contribute to the compiling of and electronically document the COI 2011 annual report | One report |
| Contribute to the compiling of and electronically document the annual reports of the COI directorates' activities | Three reports |

- 4- Coordination and Cooperation Department: this Department utilizes the expertise in public and private research institutions and coordinates with them to keep pace with the latest trends in anticorruption researches and studies. The Department's key duties are:
 - A- To conclude agreements with public and private research institutions.
 - B- To obtain authorized copies of researches and studies issued by foreign institutions.
 - C- To organize conferences, workshops and seminars on anti-corruption.
- 5- Library and Translation: This Department is assigned to establish a library containing reference books, researches and studies designed to fight corruption and identify the social and economic aspects that foster it. The Department key duties are:
 - A- To create a database containing reference books, researches and studies.
 - B- To keep track of all researches and studies issued by the relevant foreign public/private institutions.
 - C- To translate all foreign researches and studies into Arabic.