FIGHTING CORRUPTION A NEW PERSPECTIVE

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FIGHTING CORRUPTION THE BRAZILIAN EXPERIENCE

Justice Ellen Gracie Northfleet

I - THE CAR-WASH CASE II - INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS//

MORE THAN 5 YEARS INVESTIGATION BEGAN IN 2014

Have been indicted on charges of Corruption, Money Laundering and Conspirate

- 3 ex-Presidents
- 2 Chiefs of Staff
- 6 Presidents of the Senate
- 5 Presidents of the House of Representatives
- 300+ Businessmen, Civil Servants and Officers of major companies

Have already been convicted: 140+

PETROBRAS BRAZILIAN OIL COMPANY

Estimated losses of 42 Billion Reais or 10.5 Billion US Dollars

PLEA BARGAIN OF A DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY INVOLVED IN THE CORRUPT SCHEME (2014)

Investigation of Subteraneous Financial Webs

Money Laundering Schemes

RECOVERY OF ASSETS

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The recovery of the Money and other Assets reaches 25% of what has been embezzled. International average is between 0.8% and 1.6%

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Investigations spread over other Countries in the Region

Venezuela

Dominican Republic

Panama

Peru

Argentina

Colombia

Equador

And in Africa

Mozambique

Angola

MODUS OPERANDI MONEY FLOW

Construction

Petrobras

Public Officials

Companies

Cartel

Overestimated

Contracts

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Political Parties appointees

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Campaign Money

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MODUS OPERANDI MONEY FLOW

Construction Companies



Money Launderers



Beneficiaries



Fake Consulting
Contracts to justify
payments



Payments inside and outside the Country for a fee Import Contracts



Bank Accounts in Fiscal Paradises or in currency

GENERAL CAUSES

Greed

Extremely Costly Political Campaigns

REASONS FOR SUCCESS

Unity of the Investigation

Well prepared investigation Team of Prosecutors

Intensive use of Plea Bargaining

Qualified First Instance Judge

International Cooperation

Support from the Higher Courts

Support from Public Oppinion and the Media

CHALLENGES

Changes in Legislation

Changes in Jurisprudence of the Higher Courts

Setbacks caused by some excesses in the investigation

INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

Tone from the Top
Independent External Committee
Law Firms in each Jurisdiction
Help of Forensic Experts
Library

STAKEHOLDERS

Board of Directors

Executive Board

External Auditors

Shareholders

Staff

Authorities

Public

AMPLE SCOPE X OBJECTIVENESS

Cost constraints

Limitations of Time

No one is out of the scope of the investigation

TWO FACED PROJECT: INVESTIGATE AND SUGGEST RECOMENDATIONS

Any good internal investigation should help the Company to overcome the crisis and get out of it as an improved institution.