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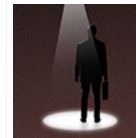
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Transparency International, the anti-corruption NGO based in Berlin, has welcomed a recent move of the World Bank to debar an employee and three corporations from being awarded Bank-financed contracts. The debarment of the three British-registered corporations (Crown Sakura Ltd.; Chase Berkeley Cavendish Ltd. and Amani BP Ltd.) is permanent and was ordered by World Bank President James Wolfensohn who acted on the recommendation of the Bank's Sanctions Committee. The move comes as part of the Bank's overall anti-corruption plan.

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Although the charges were disputed, the Sanctions Committee found that procurement guidelines, which are intended to prohibit corrupt or fraudulent practices in the procurement or execution of Bank-financed contracts, had been violated. The allegations concerned fraudulent activities which occurred in 1995 regarding procurements involving the supply of computer equipment to agencies of the Government of Turkmenistan.



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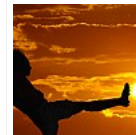
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