

International Warning – Institutional Failures, Judicial Independence and AML/CFT Risks in Switzerland (Crans-Montana)

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À : brussels@transparency.org

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to formally transmit an **international warning** concerning **serious institutional failures and systemic risks identified in Switzerland**, as evidenced by the handling of the **Crans-Montana tragedy of 31 December 2025**, which resulted in 41 deaths and more than 115 injured.

This communication is **not a request for intervention**, but a **formal notification and transmission of documented information**, grounded exclusively in **public facts, official records and recognised press investigations**, and intended to allow **independent international assessment** within your respective mandate.

Purpose of this transmission

The attached and referenced documents raise **serious concerns** regarding:

- the **effective independence of judicial authorities** and the **practical separation of powers** in Switzerland,
- **institutional inertia and procedural shortcomings** in a case involving major loss of life,
- **financial opacity**, including the **opaque funding of criminal bail**, and the absence of **enhanced due diligence**,
- potential **non-compliance with international AML/CFT standards** and anti-corruption obligations,
- and the **credibility of Swiss supervisory mechanisms** in light of repeated international criticisms.

These concerns are documented and contextualised in the attached **International Warning – Formal Notice**, which has been **independently timestamped** to ensure integrity, traceability and prior existence.

Context of judicial independence

Beyond the Crans-Montana case itself, the documentation highlights a **broader structural issue** regarding the **appearance and effectiveness of judicial independence in Switzerland**, a matter that has been **repeatedly raised by international monitoring bodies**, including GRECO.

A publicly documented case involving a **Federal Judge (SCHNEIDER)** is referenced as an illustration of these systemic concerns, alongside a broader corpus of cases accessible via the public record.

Nature of this communication

This transmission is made:

- **in the interest of international public order**,
- **without allegation of individual criminal liability**,
- **without political intent**,
- and **without expectation of immediate action**,

but with the express purpose of ensuring that **relevant international mechanisms are informed**, should future reviews, evaluations or procedures require contextual or historical reference.

Documentation and access : <https://swisscorruption.info/avertissement/#horodatage>

- **International Warning (PDF)**:
- **Independent timestamp (OpenTimestamps)**:
- **Public reference page** : <https://swisscorruption.info/crans-montana>

All materials are publicly accessible and verifiable.

Should your institution require clarification on the **scope, documentation or legal framing** of this transmission, I remain available for written clarification.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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