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# 2013 Lough Erne G8 Summit Interim Compliance Report

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# **Preface**

Each year since 1996, the G8 Research Group has produced a compliance report on the progress made by the G8 members in meeting the commitments their leaders issue at each summit. Since 2002, the group has published an interim report to assess progress during the transition from one host to the next, and a final report issued just before the annual summit. These reports, which monitor each member's efforts on a carefully chosen selection of the many commitments announced at the end of each summit, are offered to the general public and to policy makers, academics, civil society, the media and interested citizens around the world in an effort to make the work of the G8 more transparent and accessible, and to provide scientific data to enable the meaningful analysis of this unique and informal institution. Compliance reports are available at the G8 Information Centre at www.g8.utoronto.ca/compliance.

Based at the University of Toronto and founded in 1987, the G8 Research Group strives to be the leading independent source of analysis and information about the G8. It is an international network of scholars, professionals and students. The group oversees the G8 Information Centre, which publishes, at no charge, research on the G8 as well as official documents issued by the G8.

For the 2013 Interim Compliance Report, 18 priority commitments were selected from the 214 commitments made at the Lough Erne Summit, hosted by the United Kingdom from 17 to 18 June 2013. This report assesses the results of compliance with those commitments as of 13 January 2014. The G8 Research Group in Toronto has, for the eighth year, worked with a team at the National Research University Higher School of Economics (HSE) in Moscow led by Mark Rakhmangulov, specifically on the reports for Russia.

To make its assessments, the G8 Research Group relies on publicly available information, documentation and media reports. To ensure the accuracy, comprehensiveness and integrity of these reports, we encourage comments and suggestions. Indeed, this is a living document, and the scores can be recalibrated if new material becomes available. All feedback remains anonymous and is not attributed. Responsibility for this report's contents lies exclusively with the authors and analysts of the G8 Research Group.

The work of the G8 Research Group would not be possible without the steadfast dedication of many people around the world. This report is the product of a team of energetic and hard-working analysts led by Enko Koceku, chair of the student G8 Research Group, as well as the co-directors of the Compliance Unit: Laura Correa Ochoa, Guillaume Kishibe and Sarah Danruo Wang. It would also not be possible without the support of Dr. Ella Kokotsis, director of accountability, and Caroline Bracht, director of research. We are also indebted to the many people who provide feedback on our draft version, whose comments have been carefully considered in this revised report.

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# **Executive Summary**

The University of Toronto G8 Research Group Interim Compliance Report on the 2031 Lough Erne Summit is based on an analysis of compliance by G8 member states and the European Union with 18 priority commitments made at the Lough Erne Summit and covers the period from 18 June 2013 to 13 January 2014.

The Interim Compliance Scores are contained in Table A. This report is intended to provide an assessment of G8 members' compliance with the commitments made at Lough Erne. The observations contained in this report are therefore based on information relevant to actions taken between 18 June 2013 and 13 January 2014.

# The Overall Interim Compliance Score

The results of the G8 Research Group's assessments indicate that, for the period June 2013 to January 2014, the G8 members received an average interim compliance score of +0.40. Individual scores are assigned on a scale where +1 indicates full compliance with the stated commitment, 0 is awarded for partial compliance or a work in progress, and -1 is reserved for those countries that fail to comply or that take action that is directly opposite to the stated goal of the commitment.

# **Compliance by Member**

G8 members' rankings are roughly in line with past interim reports, with slight variations. The United States and the European Union are tied for first place among G8 member states with each receiving an overall score of +0.61. The United Kingdom follows with +0.56, just ahead of Canada and France each with +0.44, followed by Italy and Germany with +0.28, and Russia with +0.22. Japan ranks last among G8 members with an interim compliance score of +0.17.

### The Compliance Gap Between Members

This year, the difference between the highest and lowest G8 compliance scores is 0.44, similar to the difference in the 2010 interim report, but much lower than the 2012 final compliance score of 0.70.

#### **Compliance by Commitment**

Overall compliance by commitment is almost uniformly distributed from 0 to  $\pm 1$ , with the sole exception of Climate Finance (-0.11). Like in previous years, only one commitment scored a 0 average. Eight commitments scored between 0 and  $\pm 0.50$  with the remaining eight commitments scoring above  $\pm 0.50$ . No commitments scored a  $\pm 1$ , a decline from one in 2011, and three in 2010.

Compliance was strongest on the Global Imbalances commitment, which saw seven member states plus the EU score full compliance. The other macroeconomic policy commitment on Global Demand received a considerably lower score, although it was still a positive +0.33. Compliance was also generally strong on Information and Communication, which received an +0.67 and Deepening Impact on Malnutrition, which scored a +0.56. Members received an average score of +0.56 for the Countering Violent Extremism, the Deauville Partnership commitment, as well as the Regional Security: Syria commitment.

Compliance varied for the two transparency-related commitments. Members were awarded a score of +0.56 for Corporate Transparency, while transparency for Extractive Industries received a score of +0.44.

The three trade commitments received varying scores, with African Trade and Infrastructure receiving a +0.56. The remaining commitments scored lower, with the Trade deals commitment

scoring a +0.44 and Trade: Green Growth receiving a 0. Members scored a +0.44 on Tax Evasion and Profit Shifting, while scoring a +0.11 on Stolen Asset Recovery.

Members received an average score of +0.22 for both Anti-Money Launderingand Development: Country-Led Reforms, which were two of the lowest scores during this stage of the cycle.

Members appeared to have the most difficulty with the two Climate Change commitments, receiving low scores on both. They received an average of +0.33 for the Climate and Clean Air Coalition. Furthermore, the only negative average for the cycle was the commitment for Climate Finance, which received a -0.11.

# **Future Research and Reports**

The information contained within this report provides G8 member countries and other stakeholders with an indication of their compliance results in the post-Lough Erne period. As with previous compliance reports, this report has been produced as an invitation for others to provide additional or more complete information on country compliance. As always, comments are welcomed and would be considered as part of an analytical reassessment. Please send your feedback to g8@utoronto.ca.

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**Table A: 2013 Lough Erne Interim Compliance Scores** 

	Commitment Name	CDN	FRA	GER	ITA	JPN	RUS	UK	US	EU	Average
1	Trade [8]	+1	0	+1	0	0	+1	0	0	+1	+0.44
2	Macroeconomic Policy: Global Demand [37]	0	0	0	0	+1	+1	0	+1	0	+0.33
3	Macroeconomic Policy: Global Imbalances [45]	+1	+1	-1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+0.78
4	Trade: Green Growth [54]	+1	0	-1	-1	+1	+1	-1	0	0	0
5	Trade: African Trade and Infrastructure [69]	+1	+1	0	+1	0	-1	+1	+1	+1	+0.56
6	Finance: Tax Evasion and Profit Shifting [76]	0	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	0	0	0	+0.44
7	Transparency: Corporate Transparency [87]	0	0	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	0	+0.56
8	Crime and Corruption: Anti-Money Laundering [95]	0	-1	0	-1	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	+0.22
9	Transparency: Extractive Industries [97]	+1	0	0	+1	0	-1	+1	+1	+1	+0.44
10	Information and Communication [115]	0	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	+0.67
11	Health: Deepening Impact on Malnutrition [136]	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	-1	+1	0	+1	+0.56
12	Climate Change: Climate and Clean Air Coalition [145]	+1	0	+1	0	-1	-1	+1	+1	+1	+0.33
13	Climate Change Climate Finance [150]	-1	0	+1	-1	0	-1	0	0	+1	-0.11
14	Development: Country-Led Reforms [157]	-1	+1	0	0	0	0	+1	+1	0	+0.22
15	Finance: Stolen Asset Recovery [162]	0	0	0	0	+1	0	0	0	0	+0.11
16	Terrorism: Countering Violent Extremism [183]	+1	+1	0	+1	-1	0	+1	+1	+1	+0.56
17	Regional Security: Deauville Partnership [186]	+1	+1	0	0	0	0	+1	+1	+1	+0.56
18	Regional Security: Syria [198]	+1	+1	+1	0	0	+1	0	+1	0	+0.56
	Country Average	0.44	0.44	0.28	0.28	0.17	0.22	0.56	0.61	0.61	0.40
	2012 Final Compliance Average	0.71	0.65	0.76	0.29	0.65	0.18	0.65	0.88	0.59	0.60
	2011 Final Compliance Average	0.67	0.50	0.44	0.33	0.56	0.56	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.54
	2010 Final Compliance Average	0.61	0.44	0.50	0.17	0.28	0.61	0.50	0.56	0.44	0.46
	2010 Interim Compliance Average	0.61	0.22	0.50	0.22	0.27	0.38	0.44	0.50	0.50	0.40