

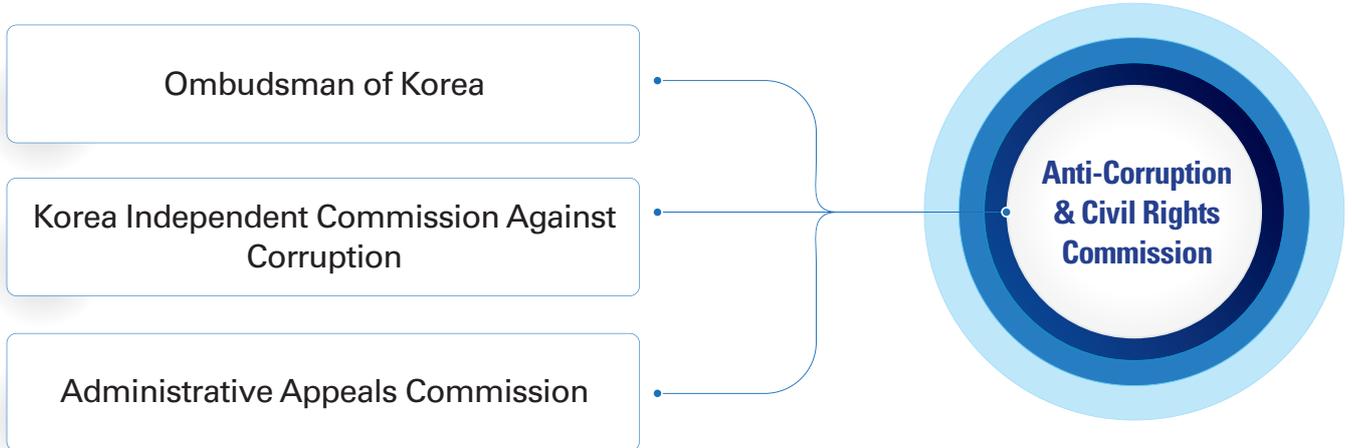


Act on the Prevention of Corruption and the Establishment and Management of the Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission



Background

In line with the global anti-corruption initiatives, such as the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention, and Korea also started to join the anti-corruption efforts by upgrading its systems across society. In particular, civil society organizations and academia raised their voices in demanding the creation of an anti-corruption law and independent body to prevent corruption. Against this backdrop, the Anti-corruption Act (equivalent to the current Act on the Prevention of Corruption and the Establishment and Management of the Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission enacted in 2008, the ACRC act in short) was enacted in 2001. And the Korea Independent Commission Against Corruption (KICAC) was launched in 2002. The Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (ACRC) was launched on February 2008, through the integration of the Ombudsman of Korea, the Korea Independent Commission Against Corruption, and the Administrative Appeals Commission.



Definition of Act of Corruption



»» The act of any public official's abusing his or her position or violating statutes or regulations in connection with his or her duties to seek gains

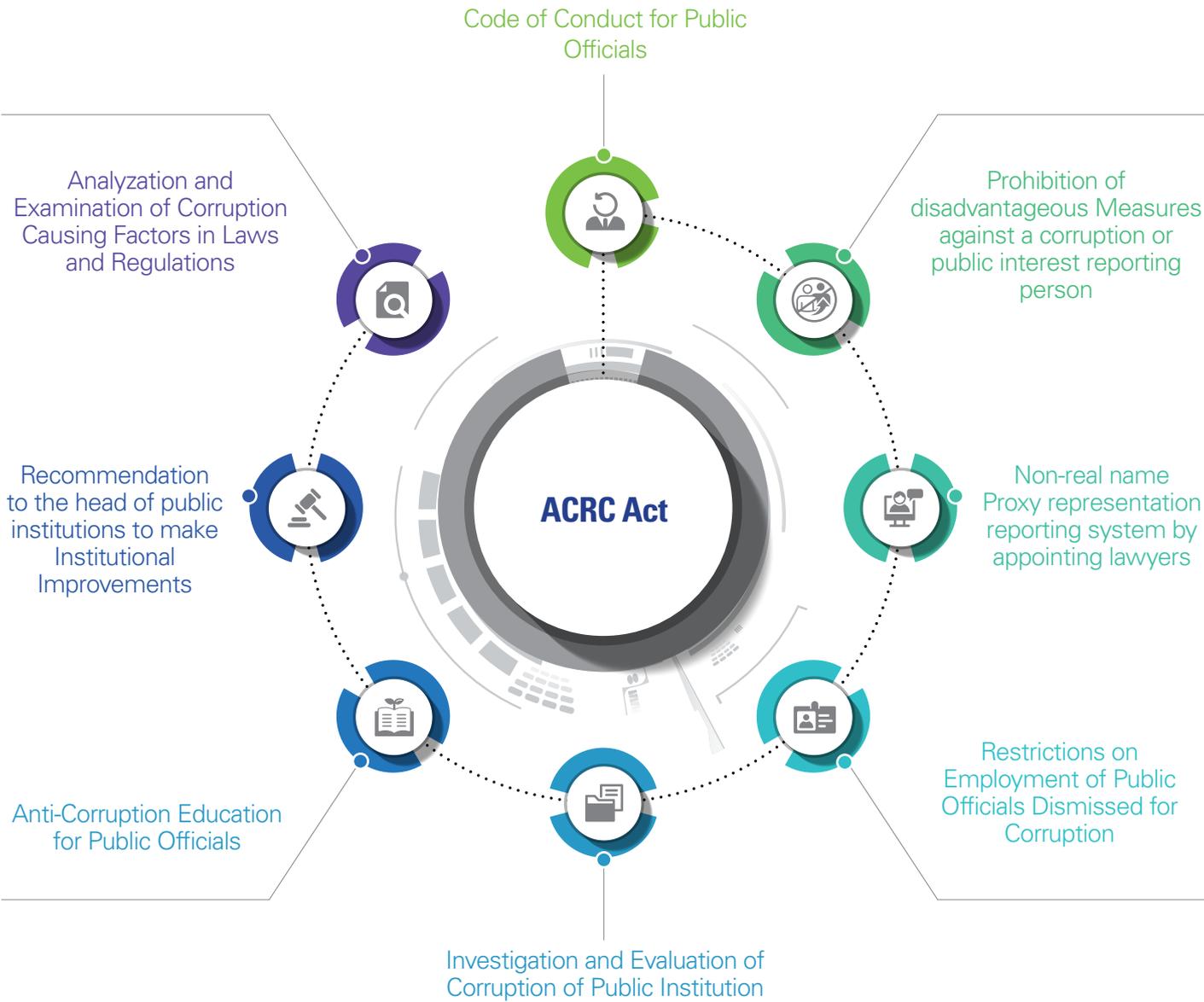


»» The act of inflicting damages on the property of any public institution in violation of statutes or regulations, in the purpose of executing the budget of the relevant public institution, acquiring, managing, or disposing of the property of the relevant public institution, or entering into and executing a contract to which the relevant public institution is a party



»» The act of coercing, urging, proposing and inducing any act mentioned above or act of covering it up.

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Significance

The ACRC, as a leading organization for the pan-governmental anti-corruption initiative, has been leading anti-corruption and fairness reforms for realization of a transparent and fair society. The Commission focuses its efforts on improving policies to help anti-corruption values take root in civil society and in everyday lives of people. The ACRC Act is meaningful in that it is the basis of Korea's anti-corruption policy.