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PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

UPNG Law Students Commence Internship with Transparency International PNG

Tuesday 15th November, 2022, Port Moresby – Transparency International PNG (TIPNG) has engaged three interns from the University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG) as part of its Legal Internship Program (LIP). The LIP first started in 2017 as an opportunity for UPNG Law School Students to gain valuable exposure to anti-corruption advocacy within TIPNG. Now in its sixth year, the LIP has continued to support TIPNG’s legal capacity to promote good governance within the country.

“We thank the University of Papua New Guinea School of Law for continuing to support this internship program by TIPNG, in 2020 we signed a 5-year MoU that will take us through to 2024. This Internship continues to strengthen the efforts of TIPNG as we work to empower people in PNG to take action against corruption,” said Ms. Arianne Kassman, TIPNG Chief Executive Officer in a media statement.

“The three interns will be with us for 14 weeks and will assist us in producing legal briefs, reviewing our advocacy files and providing technical support to our policy work. This partnership supports TIPNG’s strategic objectives to be able to respond to issues that require legal skills,” said Ms. Kassman.

The internship commenced on Monday 30th October 2022 and will end in February 2023. The three interns selected for 2022-23 TIPNG Legal Internship program are:

- Ms. Mariah Bualia, LLB 4
- Ms. Courtneyalla Dotson, LLB 3
- Mr. George Monouluk, LLB 4

The Legal Internship Program has been made possible with funding from the TI Indo-Pacific Partnership for Strong, Transparent, Responsive & Open Networks for Good Governance (TI IPP STRONGG) 2020 – 2023. This funding assists chapters of Transparency International to contribute to reduced corruption in the Indo-Pacific region by empowering a strong and independent civil society voice and network that can mobilise action in support of increased accountability of public and private institutions nationally and regionally.

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What is TIPNG?

TIPNG is a member of Transparency International a global anti-corruption movement committed to fighting corruption. TIPNG is an independent organization in PNG known as a Chapter of the international movement. The PNG chapter advocates against corruption and promotes transparency, good governance, honesty and accountability both in private and public sector dealings. TIPNG tries to assist strengthen the integrity systems of our country such as the police, the parliament, the public services and the judiciary.