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PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TIPNG Annual General Meeting appoints next generation of leadership

Transparency International PNG (TIPNG) held its Annual General Meeting last Friday (30 June 2023) at the Holiday Inn, Port Moresby to present its annual report for the year 2022 to its members.

The 2022 Financial Statements for TIPNG were presented to the members at the AGM. Once again, the organization returned an unqualified audit which was conducted by DFK Mayberry and represented fairly the Association's financial position and of its financial performance in accordance with accepted accounting practices in Papua New Guinea and the Associations Incorporation Act 1966.

The financial members of TIPNG at the AGM elected Peter Aitsi as chair, Belinda Kanau as secretary to serve for the coming year. Other directors re-appointed were Richard Kassman, Christopher Elphick, Michael McWalter, Bill Doa Neill, James Lunge, Stephanie Kirriwom-Sawong, Paul Barker, Mary Udu. The two new directors to the Board of TIPNG were Jeffery Vagalia and William Koregai.

The role of director of TIPNG is voluntary and the directors receive no payment for their leadership & service to the organization. The Board is responsible for setting of the organisation's strategy, vision, reinforcing its purpose and overseeing its financial performance. As well as ensuring statutory compliance and with management guiding the overall performance of TIPNG.

The Board will focus on implementing the objectives contained in its Strategic Plan 2019-2023 which is now in its final year. The strategic priorities remain strengthening its brand, continuing the building of stronger and more active partnerships, ensuring financial sustainability and strengthening organizational capabilities.

"I believe TIPNG a respected voice within our communities as well as our region and also on a global stage. Our work is driven by a sense of purpose and made more urgent by the depth and scale of corruption impacting our Country. We remain committed to being a voice on issues of corruption and working with our partners to strengthen the integrity of systems in Papua New Guinea," said TIPNG Chair, Peter Aitsi.

In the coming months, TIPNG will continue to advance a number of key priorities including generating awareness of the PNG Independent Commission Against Corruption, closely working with stakeholders to drive the reforms to secure and improve the conduct of our national general elections. And importantly building and supporting the role of the Community Coalition Against Corruption as a united voice on major national issues. TIPNG remains committed to its primary role and that is to empower citizens to act against corruption and reduce the current level of public apathy.

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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.