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PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TIPNG Welcomes Commencement of ICAC Commissioners and Calls for public Support

Tuesday 5 September, 2023 Port Moresby –The appointment of Commissioners for Papua New Guinea’s Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) should encourage all sectors of society to rally their support in a national effort to combat corruption. This was the statement issued by Transparency International Papua New Guinea (TIPNG) following the swearing in by the Governor General of the three (3) Commissioners on 4th July 2023.

The Organic Law on the ICAC (OLICAC) which provides the constitutional basis for the ICAC was enacted by Parliament in 2019. The appointment of Andrews Forbes as the ICAC commissioner, and Daniel Baulch and Graham Gill as Deputy Commissioners is in line with the OLICAC.

“The commencement of the terms of the PNG ICAC Commissioners should be rightfully celebrated as an achievement of the country in taking a positive step forward in combating the scourge of corruption,” said Peter Aitsi, TIPNG Board Chair in a media statement.

“Now the Commissioners have taken office, the Government must ensure adequate funding is provided to the ICAC in the preparation of the forthcoming national budget. ICAC under its constitutional mandate must remain free from influence and interference from political or special interest groups. Additionally, its mandate must be strengthened through active partnership with existing law enforcement agencies and for the public to clearly understand their role in reporting corruption to ICAC,” said Mr. Aitsi.

Since its establishment in 1997, TIPNG has continued to advocate with successive governments for the need for an independent constitutional office to promote national integrity and address corruption. This advocacy has included support for the Government to ratify the United Nations Convention Against Corruption in 2010, and to develop a National Anti-Corruption Strategy which provides an implementation framework for ICAC and other anti-corruption measures.

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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.