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## PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### TIPNG Welcomes Legal and Communications Interns

**Thursday 23 November, 2023 Port Moresby** – Internships have proven to be an effective means of adding much required skills within Civil Society and empowering emerging professionals says Transparency International Papua New Guinea (TIPNG). In welcoming its sixth intake of Legal Interns and its first ever Communications Intern on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023, TIPNG has broken new ground by expanding the categories for short-term engagement of students from tertiary institutions in Papua New Guinea.

“We first began a formal partnership with the University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG) School of Law in 2017 to take on law students as legal interns during their end of year break, and the success of that collaboration has encouraged us to now include for the first time ever, a communications intern,” said Arianne Kassman, TIPNG Chief Executive Officer in a media statement.

“Over the past 6 years we have had a total of 17 law students empower people in Papua New Guinea to act against corruption, through the TIPNG Legal Internship Program. We decided to build on this program, by inviting Communications students from across all tertiary institutions in PNG to apply for our inaugural Communications Internship Program. Our Legal and Communications interns will work within TIPNG for the next 13 weeks, learning essential workplace skills and growing their professional network,” said Ms. Kassman.

TIPNG’s Interns for 2023-2024 are as follows:

- Communications Intern - Ms. Shirley Cherake, 4<sup>th</sup> Year CA, Divine Word University
- Legal Intern - Mr. Nabieu Lansana, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year LLB, University of Papua New Guinea
- Legal Intern - Ms. Abigail Kafafi, 4<sup>th</sup> Year LLB, University of Papua New Guinea
- Legal Intern - Ms. Karen Bak, 4<sup>th</sup> Year LLB, University of Papua New Guinea

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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.