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## **PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **WALK AGAINST CORRUPTION GALVANIZES NATIONAL COMMITMENT AHEAD OF PNG'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

*Sunday 15 June 2025, Port Moresby* - Transparency International PNG (TIPNG) successfully staged its 15th Sir Anthony Siaguru Walk Against Corruption (SASWAC) in Port Moresby today, powerfully uniting citizens against corruption.

The Walk was led by Dame Meg Taylor, a formidable advocate for integrity and pivotal founding board director of TIPNG. In her compelling keynote address, Dame Meg urged participants to renew their national commitment and embrace greater personal integrity, especially as Papua New Guinea nears its momentous 50th Independence Anniversary.

Under the theme, "Integrity & Action Now!", the Walk galvanized citizens to embrace ethical principles and challenged public officials to take decisive, integrity-driven action for a more transparent and accountable Papua New Guinea.

TIPNG CEO, Ms. Arianne Kassman, TIPNG CEO, Ms Arianne Kassman said, "This year's Walk is especially significant as Papua New Guinea nears its 50th Independence Anniversary, underscoring the urgent need for integrity and action for the nation's future. As Papua New Guinea prepares for the 50th anniversary of independence, it is important for citizens to reflect on our nation's journey, renew our commitment to upholding integrity and taking action to do the right thing."

As TIPNG's flagship annual fundraising event, the SASWAC is vital for bolstering operational capacity, amplifying public awareness, and empowering citizens to collectively voice their opposition. It remains PNG's most visible and safe public avenue to express opposition against corruption.

"Community response to the Walk had been overwhelming. We have had 187 teams that participate. We saw 88 corporate and government agency teams, 50 school teams, 3 SME teams, 21 Civil Society Organizations, and 25 family teams. TIPNG's fundraising target for this year was K200,000, and today we raised K202,200.000," said Ms Kassman.

TIPNG extended its deepest gratitude to all participants, in-kind sponsors, and supporters for their invaluable contributions.

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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.