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PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TIPNG Welcomes Signing of UNCAC Transparency Pledge

Friday 18th July 2025, Port Moresby – Transparency International Papua New Guinea (TIPNG) welcomes Papua New Guinea’s signing of the [United Nations Convention Against Corruption \(UNCAC\) Review Transparency Pledge](#) at the 16th Session of the Implementation Review Group Session in Vienna, Austria.

TIPNG is a national member of the UNCAC Coalition which developed the Pledge to embody a voluntary commitment to meet minimum standards of transparency and civil society participation in the UNCAC review.

“By signing the UNCAC Review Transparency Pledge, the Government is committing to continuing to include Civil Society in implementing and reviewing the country’s progress on meeting its international obligations to address corruption. This commitment builds on previous collaboration between Government and civil society such as TIPNG’s CSO parallel report on PNG’s implementation of UNCAC which was released in July 2021,” said Peter Aitsi, TIPNG Board Chair.

The official 2nd Cycle of the UNCAC review process in Papua New Guinea, which covers articles on preventive measures (Chapter II of the UNCAC) and asset recovery (Chapter V), was scheduled to begin in 2019, and the review process is still ongoing. The pledge commits PNG to the following 6 Principles of Transparency:

1. We will publish updated review schedules for our country review
2. We will share information about the review institution or the coordinator (focal point)
3. We will announce the completion of the country review indicating where the report can be found
4. We will promptly post online the self-assessment and the full country report in a UN language, together with the executive summary in local languages
5. We will organise civil society briefings and public debates about the findings of the report
6. We will publicly support participation of civil society observers in UNCAC subsidiary bodies

TIPNG will continue to support state partners and non-state actors involved in PNG’s UNCAC implementation & reporting nationally. TIPNG calls on that the PNG Government through DJAG, to meet the UNCAC pledge by supporting and upholding this renewed international commitment to engage local civil society in the process.

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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.