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**WALK AGAINST CORRUPTION - BIGGEST YEAR YET!**

The biggest ever Sir Anthony Siaguru Walk Against Corruption will be held in Port Moresby and Kokopo this Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>. Transparency International PNG (TIPNG) is very happy to announce that 152 teams have registered in Port Moresby representing 105 organisations. These include government departments, community groups and corporations. In addition 93 student teams representing 34 primary, secondary and tertiary institutions have registered to walk on the day. In total an unprecedented 2,631 walkers are registered to take a stand against corruption in Port Moresby this Sunday.

Meanwhile the WAC in Kokopo the WAC has attracted 36 registered organisations and 12 schools so far. The total is expected to increase with more support being offered every day.

TIPNG Chairman Mr Peter Aitsi says that such overwhelming support demonstrates that the people of PNG are willing to take to the streets in a peaceful manner to oppose the misuse and mismanagement of their country, its resources and its government.

"TIPNG humbly acknowledges the ever-growing public mandate that this turnout demonstrates" says Mr Aitsi. "We see every year the growing support for the Walk Against Corruption and for TIPNG's work, and also the number of people willing to publicly walk against the rot that is corruption. TIPNG knows that public frustration grows with every act of graft, dishonesty and incompetence that surfaces. The overwhelming WAC turnout is more evidence that the public demands a change, and that the change must be led from the top by our elected leaders."

Mr Aitsi continues: "Given recent unruly protests, I would like to state clearly on behalf of TIPNG and all Walk Against Corruption participants that we walk on Sunday for the peaceful eradication of corruption in PNG. We reject any idea that our country can be made better through violence."

TIPNG would like to thank the many sponsors and supporters who have assisted by way of in-kind and volunteer support in both Port Moresby and Kokopo. These include the WAC patron, the Governor-General Sir Paulias Matane, as well as former Archbishop of Port Moresby Sir Brian Barnes and the Moderator of the United Church Reverend Samson Lowa. TIPNG must also extend thanks to the PNG Defence Force, Royal PNG Constabulary, St John's Ambulance, UPNG Medical & Health Sciences Faculty, PNG Correctional Services, and our many volunteers, prize donors, sponsors and participants. TIPNG also offers thanks to the WAC's big supporters in Kokopo, including the ENB Provincial Government, the Rotary Club of Kokopo, Esco PNG, the Ralum Country Club, SAS Security and Radio East New Britain. Public acknowledgement will be given to all supporters on the day.

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