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**PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **Proposal to Improve Online School-Leaver Selection Winner of Open Government Contest for Youth**

*Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019, Port Moresby* – A proposal to improve the design of the online school-leaver selections to tertiary institutions has taken out the top prize in a public contest for youth to submit ideas on how a more open government can improve the lives of young people in Papua New Guinea.

To mark global Open Government Week which ran from 11-17<sup>th</sup> March 2019, Transparency International PNG (TIPNG) launched the ‘Design a Youth Commitment’, contest to inspire young citizens to actively engaging in transforming the Government with the aim of better serving the needs of the people.

“When the Government of Papua New Guinea first signed up to the Open Government Partnership (OGP) in 2014, and subsequently submitted a 2-year National Action Plan (NAP) in 2018, we in civil society knew this would give us more of an even footing in co-creating what an Open Government in our country could look like – the ideas submitted in our contest to see how young people envisioned that future are testament to that,” said TIPNG Executive Director Arianne Kassman at an event on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 to present the 3 winners in the contest with their prizes and certificates of recognition.

“The OGP gives citizens a unique framework to co-create an agenda, captured in the NAP 2018-2020, for openness to improve service delivery through 7 specific commitments. Throughout Open Government Week, TIPNG as the lead Civil Society body in the OGP has led discussions on OGP on radio, online, in a seminar and through this contest where young people between the ages of 12-25 submitted innovative ways in which an Open Government could transform society. The winning entry from Mr. Arvin Kopi calls for more consultation to be done with manual selectors to ensure that digital selection captures all the nuance required for a more holistic school-leaver selection process,” said Ms. Kassman.

The OGP NAP 2018-2020 contains 7 commitments to be achieved by 2020 in 4 key areas, and was drafted by both Government Agencies, with the Department of National Planning taking the lead, and over 20 Civil Society Organisations. The NAP has been endorsed by the National Executive Council in Decision No. 323/2018 and is currently the overarching mechanism for coordinating Open Government initiatives in Papua New Guinea.

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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.