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TIPNG IAC Day Video Renews Government Call to Action

Monday December 9 2019, Port Moresby - To commemorate this year's International Anti-Corruption Day, Transparency International PNG (TIPNG) has released their spin on the popular Christmas Carol, "Little Drummer Boy."

The video titled "A TIPNG Christmas Carol" has been framed by the anti-corruption agency as a call to action for the Marape-Steven government, while restating their position on a number of legacy issues from the previous governments.

The four minute video presents three interconnected national issues regarding resource sector benefits, public sector corruption and citizen participation in government, while also highlighting TIPNG's proposed solutions.

TIPNG Executive Director Arianne Kassman, in launching the video on social media today, stated that the message in the video is specifically designed to remind the parliament of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), Sovereign Wealth Fund and an Access to Information Law, which the agency has identified as being essential tools for good governance.

"The current government has publicly declared that reinforcing anti-corruption mechanisms is high on their agenda. The idea of this video was to remind them that it's now the end of the year, its Christmas, and what has been done about these issues?" said Ms Kassman.

"We understand that some of these are legacy issues that they have inherited from previous governments. However, some of these issues have taken a backseat as the new government has taken time to settle into their new roles, while others seem to have fallen completely off the radar."

"Our ultimate goal is to ensure that these issues and possible solutions remain as part of the conversation, as the government charts its path for the New Year," she said.

International Anti-Corruption Day has been observed annually, on 9 December, since the passage of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption on 31 October 2003 to raise public awareness for anti-corruption.

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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.