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Press Statement by: The Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA) on the occasion of the commemoration of the 2023 Anti-Corruption Day.

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On this World Anti-Corruption Day, the Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA) underscores the relentless efforts of anti-corruption activists worldwide and commemorates their dedication to the ongoing struggle against corruption. In particular, we acknowledge and highlight the profound impact of corruption on women and vulnerable populations, drawing attention to the intersection with the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence.

**Media:** As journalists covering the fight against corruption, we recognize the need for collaborative action across various sectors. The media should eternally be vigilant and call out every sector that is enmeshed in corruption. We call on governments to fortify anti-corruption legislation, legislators to champion comprehensive reforms, and judiciaries to ensure a fair and expeditious legal process.

**Civil Society**: In addition, civil society organizations play a pivotal role in advocating for transparency and accountability, acting as watchdogs to ensure that corrupt practices are exposed and addressed. Citizens are urged to remain vigilant, reporting instances of corruption to contribute to a culture of accountability.

**Action**: To bolster these collective efforts, we propose the implementation of robust whistleblower protection mechanisms, the promotion of transparent procurement processes, and the enhancement of civic education to empower communities.

Collaboration: In our pursuit of a corruption-free society, collaboration among government institutions, civil society, the media and citizens is imperative. Only

through this joint commitment can we build a resilient front against corruption, ensuring justice, equality, and dignity for all.

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