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Mr. Noordin Haji, Director of Public Prosecutions, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, P.O. Box 30701-00100, Nairobi, Kenya.

Dear Mr. Haji,

## Re: Withdrawal of the 2019 Leadership Integrity Award (State/Public Officer)

Greetings from Transparency International Kenya.

We write to you regarding the Leadership Integrity Award (State/Public Officer) that was awarded to you in 2019 by Transparency International Kenya.

The Leadership Integrity Award was, at that time, bestowed upon you in recognition of the role played in the criminal justice process, particularly in ensuring the prosecution of serious corruption cases and providing strategic direction to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP). The Judging Panel for the 2019 Integrity Awards comprising some independent commissions, enforcement agencies, professional bodies and civil society organisations, were at that time convicted that your dedication to upholding the rule of law and inspiring public confidence in your office was commendable and worthy of recognition.

Regrettably, we have received public petitions and conducted an assessment based on concerns raised by the public and our partners championing integrity in Kenya. These petitions have raised serious allegations regarding the withdrawal of high-profile corruption cases, including those for which you were previously recognised, resulting in the loss of public funds.

Attached to this letter is a petition prepared by the National Integrity Alliance, providing detailed information and evidence of the extent to which you have derogated from your responsibility as the Director of Public Prosecutions thus eroding public confidence in your office.

In light of these concerns and after careful consideration, Transparency International Kenya has made the decision to withdraw the Leadership Integrity Award (State/Public Officer) conferred upon you in 2019, based on our firm belief that maintaining the highest standards of integrity is crucial for all recipients of our awards. We thus require you to give back the certificate and plaque issued to you for the award.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further please contact us by email <u>transparency@tikenya.org</u> or telephone 020-2727763.

Sincerely,

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Sheila Masinde Executive Director Transparency International Kenya