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**COORDINATION & BRIEFING MEETING**  
**PRIME MINISTER & UNDP APRP**

**NOTE TO FILE**  
**27 January 2017**

Time and Locations : 10:00-11:30 am, PMO Honiara  
Type of meeting : Coordination and updates  
Attendees : Hon PM Manasseh Damukana Sogavare  
Mose Saitala (Chief Technical Advisor to PM)  
Derek Gwali Futaiasi (Deputy Secretary to Prime Minister)  
Azusa Kubota (Country Manager UNDP)  
Agus Wandu (Social Cohesion Specialist and Project Manager UN PBF)  
Alice Fakarii (Deputy Project Manager UN PBF)

**Key Points discussed:**

1. The Prime Minister reiterated the SIG commitment to accelerate the approval legal framework/bill on anti-corruption through the parliament as soon as possible. It is a high priority of the government and the PM will work closely with MPs to push the bill this year.
2. UNDP reiterated support to the anti-corruption agenda with an expert from Fiji coming to provide support. It is important to show results and tangible evidence. We are developing a full-fledged programme on anti-corruption with UNODC. UN is also seeking feedback from the international community.
3. Election preparation is another priority as we need to increase capacity to prepare the process properly. With the potential approval for the dual citizenship status, it means we might have extra 50,000 thousand voters taking part in the election process. Dual citizenship also means opportunity. Voter educations should be the focus to ensure public understanding on the political issues and process.
4. On TSM, the government is committed, especially through the political party integrity act. SIG is working to increase women political leadership and participation. However, for MPs, including the only female MP, in the parliament have not expressed strong support to TSM.
5. SIG is looking to produce a bill that will amalgamate the Electoral Commission and the Political Parties Integrity Commission.
6. There is a plan to have a white paper produced highlighting key recommendations to address the political reform agenda, including on increasing on TSM and anti-corruption work.
7. UNDP is stated there is a need to ensure women are proportionately represented in leadership and political processes, including at the provincial level. Parliament and political institutions need to reflect the demographic composition where women are significantly present in communities but politically absent in the leadership level.
8. On Peace Building, UNDP is thanking the full support from the SIG for the dialogues conducted last year in Guadalcanal and Malaita and the National Women's Summit. On dialogues, this year

the focus is in Western Province and a National Dialogue around issues that will discuss recommendations from the provincial dialogues. These include governance, accelerating development, inclusivity and public participation including stronger public participation especially women and youth. There is a possibility of a high level visit by PBF leadership to Solomon Islands this year.

9. The Prime Minister stated the importance of sustaining peace and stability agenda. Dialogues were constructive and peacebuilding has been crucial. The dialogue, PM expressed support especially very pleased with the focus on broader development challenges, not only about the past.

10. A reparation expert is visiting Honiara next month to engage with the national reparation committee members, the Prime Minister team and MNURP. The expert will be in country for one week to work closely with the team. However, the Prime Minister briefed UNDP on the replacement of a consultant tasked with submission of a reparation framework draft. The new consultant Dr. Tarcisus Tara is expected to replace Caroline Laore. The government would like to submit the reparation framework and later bill to the parliament as soon as possible.

11. On support to women active participation, the PBF is supporting Ministry Women and Youth on advancing women agenda at the national and the sub national level. After a very successful National Women's Summit, this years focus is following up recommendation and provinces on mainstreaming gender into the provincial development plan. Guadalacanal province paved the way last year when they launched the Gender Equality strategy for Guadalacanal. This could be the case for other provinces.

12. On youth programme, a research on the status of youth concluded and will be shared with many stakeholders. There is a need to increase youth participation etc. and a youth livelihood and a peacebuilding programme will be launched this year. Also, through a radio programme, PBF is supporting the government to reach remote communities, especially with in the context of this transition year. Comforting messages and SIG readiness during the transition will be highlighted through the radio programme.

13. The government is ready this year in preparing for RAMSI exit. Rearming the police, especially the patrol boat police is in the agenda. The new police commissioner from Australia will provide the leadership and it is expected in two years to have a national police commissioner. In addition, the SIG is signing a security treaty with Australia this year and it is at the final stage of that process.

