



## UN PEACEBUILDING FUND

**PBF Joint Technical Committee (JTC) to the JSC Meeting  
14<sup>th</sup> June 2017, 2:00 – 6:15pm  
Adheeves Conference Room, Buka, Bougainville**

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### **Summary of the PBF Technical Committee's Recommendations on Key Issues Arising**

#### **General Discussions on the Peacebuilding Fund Presentations**

Accessibility of PBF by key government agencies and interaction between the two governments

The meeting took note of the need for the two governments to be proactive in utilising the PBF to maintain process and therefore recommends;

1. The two governments to jointly provide a clear roadmap with timeframes and clear deliverables to avoid ad hoc request to PBF.
2. To allow flexibility within an agreed roadmap in order to assist the two governments execute separate activities that contribute to achieving the jointly desired outcomes.
3. Officials of both governments interact more closely at their different levels to ensure that both governments contribute to provide the leadership to implement the PBF priority areas.
4. PBF to support capacity building of key government agencies to improving their capacity to absorb PBF and future UN Peacebuilding Support.

#### **Discussions on the progress of Bougainville Referendum preparations**

The National Government Officials reported that the State Solicitor has cleared the Referendum Charter and it is now the responsibility of the PNG Electoral Commissioner Patilias Gamato to advise the Governor General on the signing of the Charter for the Bougainville Referendum Commission (BRC) to be established as soon as possible. A key concern of the TC is the funding allocation and nomination of Commissioners to the Commission.

#### **Recommendations:**

*The Technical Committee having considered the limited timeframe available for conduct of the referendum and the impending national priorities coming up in 2018 and onwards that will put pressure on the two governments' focus and resources allocation, agreed and recommend to the JSC to consider and endorse the undermentioned:*

- 1. The issue of delay in the signing of the Charter for the establishment of the Bougainville Referendum Commission**

*For the Department of Prime Minister and National Executive Council to follow up with the PNGEC Commissioner and Government House on signing of the Charter as a matter of urgency*

- 2. The issue of leadership and funding for the establishment of the Bougainville Referendum Commission**

*For officials of the two governments to convene immediately to seriously discuss on internal resource mobilisation for the operationalization of the BRC*

*For continued support by both governments to women and youth to ensure full participation in the referendum preparations*

#### **Discussions on the progress of Awareness Raising**

Challenge with production of awareness materials due to lack of timely joint agreement on the content of awareness materials was highlighted.

Current awareness materials put forward for vetting by the national government has been vetted by the Dept. of PM&NEC with feedback given to ABG.

#### **Recommendation**

*The Technical Committee having considered the delay in joint approval on the content of the materials, agreed and recommend to the JSC to consider and endorse:*

- 1. Timely vetting and approval of awareness materials to ensure timely production for full and fair dissemination of accurate information***

#### **Discussions on the progress of Weapons Disposal**

Several agreements have been secured with different factions not party to the BPA to be involved in weapons disposal to ensure that Bougainville is Weapons-free by December 2018.

It has been agreed for a weapons disposal expert to be engaged with support from UNDP around July 2017 to support implementation of the Weapons Disposal Strategy and to ensure that the target date of weapons disposal (December 2018) is met.

A critical issue that must be considered is for both Governments to determine and agree on what criteria constitutes a satisfactory arms disposal level and a sense security in the community and the need for continued monitoring and evaluation of these criteria going forward.

UN also informed the Committee of its intention to submit a Youth and Gender-inclusive peacebuilding proposal through such activities as guns for pens and guns for sports, to the Peace Building Support Office (PBSO) and sought approval from the JSC to endorse;

#### **Recommendation**

*The Technical Committee to the JSC agreed and recommends;*

- 1. For the Weapons Disposal Expert to be deployed in Bougainville as per timeline specified (July 2017)***
- 2. For the two governments to convene immediately to discuss and agree on the verification process for weapons disposal; and***
- 3. Youth and Gender-inclusive peacebuilding proposal of the UN to be developed and submitted to PBSO***

**4. Unification of Veterans and ex-combatant factions and further consolidate post-unification consultative process to maintain their commitment to weapons disposal.**

**Discussions on the progress of Autonomy Review**

The Committee has noted that prior to the Second Review of the Autonomous Arrangements, the Bougainville Constitution, under Section 220 (1) (a), specifies for a review of the Bougainville Constitution. This was also alluded to in the first review of the autonomous arrangements in 2013.

*Terms of Reference and the Contract for the conduct of the review of the Bougainville Constitution and Autonomous arrangements have been prepared and are awaiting nominees from either government. UN will also support the process by providing CVs of three candidates from its ExPress Roster for the two governments to consider.*

**Recommendation**

*The Technical Committee to the JSC agreed and invites the JSC to consider and endorse:*

- 1. The UN's provision of CV's of potential candidates to be considered by both governments in assisting with the Review of the Bougainville Constitution and the Review of the Autonomous Arrangements.**

**Other Matters**

**Letter of Agreement**

*The Technical Committee agreed that the Letter of Agreement between UNDP and ABG is an administrative process and should be dealt with at that level*

**Allocation of Land for UN House**

*The Technical Committee agreed that the Dept. of Bougainville Peace Agreement Implementation take on and address the issue of land allocation with the ABG Department of Lands for the construction of UN House in Bougainville*

**No-cost Extension**

*The Technical Committee agreed that the 3-year Peacebuilding Fund programme that was scheduled to start in 2014 only had funds drawn down in July 2015 and therefore recommends to the JSC that it endorses a no cost extension of the PNG Peace Building Priority Plan.*

**Need for continued technical consultations**

*The Technical Committee has agreed and recommends that the Co-Chairs and the Technical Committee meets regularly and discuss implementation of these recommendations*



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