



Dear Mr. Fernandez - Taranco,

We are pleased to submit the project document "Immediate peacebuilding support to Solomon Islands in transition" to be funded under the Peacebuilding Fund's Immediate Response Facility, for your consideration. The project serves as a framework to advance inclusive peacebuilding in the Solomon Islands and will also give critical support to our own efforts to achieve the SDGs and in particular goal 16 promoting inclusive and peaceful societies as well as strong and accountable institutions.

Following the ongoing tensions since 2000, and the establishment of the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI) which is scheduled to withdraw by 2017, this presents a timely opportunity to have the UN support the Government of Solomon Islands to consolidate and sustain what was achieved in terms of peace and stability.

In line with the UN's priorities to ensure local ownership, this project plans to support the Government of Solomon Islands and national stakeholders during a transitional period, to create an inclusive political space for dialogue and reconciliation and to strengthen national capacity for implementing the Solomon Islands national peace building policy with a particular focus on the engagement of women and youth in peace and reconciliation.

We look forward to commencing this important initiative with your support and would like to invite you to visit Solomon Islands at an opportune time. Your visit will help to galvanize achievements and inspire further efforts towards genuine reconciliation and the consolidation of peace and stability.

Yours sincerely,

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