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and
FIJI**

Letter Agreement concerning the UNDP South Pacific Regional Office in Suva, Fiji. Signed at New York on 1 November 1975, and at Suva on 1 December 1975

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Registered ex officio on 1 December 1975.

**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
(PROGRAMME DES NATIONS UNIES
POUR LE DÉVELOPPEMENT)
et
FIDJI**

Accord par lettre relatif au bureau régional du PNUD pour le Pacifique Sud à Suva (Fidji). Signé à New York le 1^{er} novembre 1975, et à Suva le 1^{er} décembre 1975

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LETTER AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF FIJI
AND THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
CONCERNING THE UNDP SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL OF-
FICE IN SUVA, FIJI

NEW YORK, N. Y.

1 November 1975

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Sir,

On behalf of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), I have the honour to set forth in this letter arrangements for the appointment of a Regional Representative of the UNDP in your country.

The arrangements would give effect to the resolutions and decisions of the competent United Nations organs concerning assistance provided by the UNDP, and in particular to resolution 222 A (IX)² of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, as amended, and to resolutions 1240 (XIII),³ 2029 (XX)⁴ and 2688 (XXV)⁵ of the United Nations General Assembly.

The arrangements proposed are as follows:

(1) In pursuance of understandings reached at earlier discussions between you and appropriate officials of the UNDP, I shall designate, after consultation with you, a Regional Representative who will represent the UNDP in Fiji (the country) and other areas in the South Pacific, with the functions described below.

(2) (a) The Regional Representative will be the principal channel of communication with the Government of Fiji (the Government) on all Programme matters. He will have full responsibility and ultimate authority, on behalf of the UNDP Administrator, for the UNDP Programme in all its aspects in the country, and will be team leader in regard to such representatives of other United Nations organizations as may be posted in the country, taking into account their professional competence and their relations with appropriate organs of the Government. The regional Representative will maintain liaison on behalf of the Programme with the appropriate organs of the Government, including its co-ordinating agency for external assistance, and will inform the Government of the policies, criteria and procedures of the UNDP and other relevant programmes of the United Nations. He will assist the Government, as may be required, in the preparation of UNDP country programme and project requests, as well as proposals for country programme or project changes, assure proper co-ordination of all assistance rendered by the UNDP through various Executing Agencies or its own consultants, assist the Government, as may be required, in co-ordinating UNDP activities with national, bilateral and multilateral programmes within the country, and carry out such other functions as may be entrusted to him by the Administrator or by an Executing Agency.

(b) The Regional Representative will carry out similar functions with respect to the UNDP Programme in other areas of the South Pacific and the Governments in such areas.

¹ Came into force on 1 December 1975, the date when it had been signed definitively on behalf of the Government of Fiji, in accordance with its provisions.

² United Nations, *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 1*, p. 4.

³ *Ibid.*, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/4090)*, p. 11.

⁴ *Ibid.*, *Twentieth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/6014)*, p. 20.

⁵ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 28 (A/8028)*, p. 58.

(c) The Regional Representative shall have such staff as the UNDP may deem appropriate to the proper functioning of his office. The UNDP shall notify the Government from time to time of the names of the staff members, and of the families of the staff members, of the Office of the Regional Representative, and of changes in the status of such persons.

(3) The Government shall contribute towards the expenses of maintaining the Office of the UNDP Regional Representative by paying annually a lump sum mutually agreed by the parties, it being understood, however, that the Governments of other countries and territories in the South Pacific region will also contribute towards these expenses. The contributions of the Government of Fiji and of the other Governments will be used to cover the following expenses:

- (a) An appropriate office with equipment and supplies, adequate to serve as local headquarters for the UNDP in the region;
- (b) Appropriate local secretarial and clerical help, interpreters, translators and related assistance;
- (c) Transportation of the Regional Representative and his staff for official purposes in the region;
- (d) Postage and telecommunications for official purposes; and
- (e) Subsistence for the Regional Representative and his staff while on official travel status in the region.

(4) (a) The Regional Representative and the staff members of his office, being officials of the United Nations within the meaning of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations,¹ shall be entitled to the appropriate privileges, immunities and facilities under Article VIII of the Agreement dated 13 October 1970² between the Government and the UNDP concerning assistance to the Government from the then Special Fund of the United Nations.

(b) The Regional Representative and staff members of his office shall be granted such additional privileges and immunities as may be necessary for the effective exercise of their functions.

I shall appreciate your confirming your agreement to the above arrangements by signature and return to me of the enclosed copy of this letter.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

[Signed]

RUDOLPH A. PETERSON
Administrator

Accepted for the Government:

[K. K. T. MARA]

Minister for Foreign Affairs

(Title)

Date: 1 December 1975

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Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs
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¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1, p. 15, and vol. 90, p. 327 (corrigendum to vol. 1, p. 18).

² *Ibid.*, vol. 752, p. 247.