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**INDONESIA  
and  
PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

**Treaty of mutual respect, friendship and co-operation.  
Signed at Port Moresby on 27 October 1986**

*Authentic text: English.*

*Registered by Indonesia and Papua New Guinea on 21 May 1987.*

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**INDONÉSIE  
et  
PAPOUASIE-NOUVELLE-GUINÉE**

**Traité de respect réciproque, d'amitié et de coopération.  
Signé à Port Moresby le 27 octobre 1986**

*Texte authentique : anglais.*

*Enregistré par l'Indonésie et la Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée le 21 mai 1987.*

## TREATY<sup>1</sup> OF MUTUAL RESPECT, FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA AND THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The Government of the Republic of Indonesia and

The Government of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea

Mindful of the interests which their countries share as immediate neighbours;

Responding to their people's common desire for peace, progress, and prosperity, in accordance with the spirit and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

Fully committed to maintaining, renewing, and further strengthening the mutual respect, friendship and cooperation which have been developing between their two countries in accordance with existing agreements, as well as their policies of promoting national and regional resilience and independent and constructive neighbourly cooperation; and

Conscious of the contributions being made to national development, regional cooperation, and international order, by the United Nations, the Association of South East Asian Nations, and the South Pacific Forum;

Solemnly agree to enter into a Treaty of mutual respect, friendship and cooperation, which provides as follows:

### CHAPTER 1. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

*Article 1.* The Governments of the Republic of Indonesia and the Independent State of Papua New Guinea (referred to hereinafter as the "Contracting Parties") shall display and promote respect, friendship, and cooperation between their two nations, both as means towards securing common and national objectives, including regional stability, and as valued ends in themselves.

*Article 2.* Each Contracting Party shall display and promote respect for the other country's:

- National independence, sovereign equality, and territorial integrity; and
- National identity, traditions, and values, including the Indonesian State Philosophy (PANCASILA), the Indonesian Constitution, and the Papua New Guinea Constitution, in which Papua New Guinea's National Goals and Directive Principles are contained.

*Article 3.* The Contracting Parties shall endeavour to avoid, reduce, and contain disputes or conflicts between their nations and settle any differences that may arise only by peaceful means.

*Article 4.* (1) Should a dispute arise between the Contracting Parties, they shall endeavour to reach a mutually acceptable settlement through direct consultation and negotiation.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 13 March 1987 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Jakarta, in accordance with article 21 (1).

(2) If consultation and negotiation do not produce a mutually acceptable settlement to a dispute, the Contracting Parties shall endeavour to settle the dispute through conciliation, arbitration, adjudication, or such other peaceful means as may be agreed.

*Article 5.* Nothing in this treaty shall prevent either of the Contracting Parties from seeking to settle any dispute in accordance with the provisions of the United Nations Charter.

*Article 6.* The Contracting Parties shall consult without delay and at an agreed level of representation if either of them believes that a dispute which threatens peace or the stability of either country has arisen or is likely to arise between them.

*Article 7.* The Contracting Parties shall not threaten or use force against each other.

## CHAPTER 2. MUTUAL RESPECT

*Article 8.* (1) Each Contracting Party shall display and promote respect for the other country's national interests and policies.

(2) The Contracting Parties shall each respect the other nation's right to be free from coercion, external interference in internal affairs, and subversion.

*Article 9.* (1) The Contracting Parties shall not cooperate with others in hostile or unlawful acts against the other nation, or allow their territory to be used for such acts.

(2) The Contracting Parties shall endeavour to conduct their respective nation's affairs in the border region bearing in mind the other nation's interests.

## CHAPTER 3. FRIENDSHIP

*Article 10.* The Contracting Parties shall endeavour to develop and strengthen traditional, cultural and historical ties of friendship and good-neighbourliness.

*Article 11.* The Contracting Parties shall encourage and facilitate contacts and exchanges between their peoples in accordance with their respective national laws.

*Article 12.* (1) The Contracting Parties shall hold regular and frequent consultations at a high level of representation on matters of common interest or concern.

(2) The Contracting Parties shall endeavour to hold meetings at ministerial level at least once a year.

Consultations shall, as far as possible, be held alternately in either country.

*Article 13.* Each of the Contracting Parties shall endeavour to ensure that citizens of the other country are treated fairly and accorded their full legal rights within their respective national jurisdictions.

## CHAPTER 4. COOPERATION

*Article 14.* The Contracting Parties shall endeavour to maintain and further develop existing programmes of cooperation, and facilitate and promote other areas of cooperation.

*Article 15.* (1) The Contracting Parties shall facilitate understanding of each other's country through exchanges of experience and information, including cultural, social, educational, and sports.

(2) The Contracting Parties shall engage in technical cooperation through exchanges of experts and information, and other agreed forms of mutual assistance.

*Article 16.* The Contracting Parties shall endeavour to facilitate and promote trade and economic relations.

*Article 17.* (1) The Contracting Parties shall maintain and endeavour to strengthen consultation, liaison, and other arrangements which provide for orderly administration of the common border between their two countries.

(2) The Contracting Parties shall take practical steps to cooperate in implementing development on and near the common border in their mutual interest.

*Article 18.* The Contracting Parties shall endeavour to consult with a view to promoting regional cooperation, orderly change towards equity in relations between developing and developed countries, and cooperating, where appropriate, in multi-lateral fora.

## CHAPTER 5. GENERAL PROVISIONS

*Article 19.* (1) The Contracting Parties may enter into separate agreements, for the purpose of implementing articles in Chapters 3 and 4.

(2) The obligations imposed by the articles listed in (1) above shall be subject to the Contracting Parties' respective national laws and international obligations.

(3) The Contracting Parties shall consult at intervals of not more than five years on progress made in giving effect to the articles in Chapters 3 and 4.

(4) Each of the Contracting Parties shall implement this Treaty bearing in mind the availability of financial, human, and other resources to government in the other country.

*Article 20.* This Treaty may be terminated by mutual consent or by either Party giving six months' notice to the other.

*Article 21.* (1) This Treaty is subject to ratification in accordance with the constitutional requirements of each country, and shall enter into force on the day on which the instruments of ratification are exchanged.

(2) This Treaty shall be registered with the Secretary-General of the United Nations in accordance with Article 102 of the United Nations Charter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea have signed this Treaty.

DONE in duplicate at Port Moresby this twenty-seventh day of October 1986, in English.

[Signed — Signé]<sup>1</sup>

For the Government  
of the Republic of Indonesia

[Signed — Signé]<sup>2</sup>

For the Government  
of the Independent State  
of Papua New Guinea

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<sup>1</sup> Signed by Mochtar Kusuma-Atmadja — Signé par Mochtar Kusuma-Atmadja.

<sup>2</sup> Signed by Legu L. Vagi — Signé par Legu L. Vagi.