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**NEW ZEALAND
and
PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

Exchange of letters constituting an agreement for the provision by the New Zealand Navy Task Group of a venue for negotiations between the Government of Papua New Guinea and the leaders of North Solomons Province. Port Moresby, 25 July 1990

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**NOUVELLE-ZÉLANDE
et
PAPOUASIE-NOUVELLE-GUINÉE**

Échange de lettres constituant un accord relatif aux dispositions par le Groupe spécial de la marine de la Nouvelle-Zélande d'un site pour les pourparlers entre le Gouvernement papouan-néo-guinéen et les chefs de la Province du nord des Salomons. Port Moresby, 25 juillet 1990

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EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA FOR THE PROVISION BY THE NEW ZEALAND NAVY TASK GROUP OF A VENUE FOR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND THE LEADERS OF NORTH SOLOMONS PROVINCE

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NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSION
PORT MORESBY

25 July 1990

Hon Benais Sabumei
Minister for Defence
MURRAY BARRACKS

My Dear Minister

I have the honour to refer to discussions between our two governments in which, at the request of the Government of Papua New Guinea, the Government of New Zealand has agreed to make available a Task Group of three ships of the Royal New Zealand Navy as the venue for negotiations between the Government of Papua New Guinea and the leaders of North Solomons Province.

I now propose on behalf of the Government of New Zealand that an agreement be reached between our two governments in this matter on the following terms:

All persons on or in transit to the ships and all servicemen and associated personnel who may be present from time to time on land or elsewhere outside the ships shall be accorded immunity from the jurisdiction of the Papua New Guinea authorities, except in any case where the New Zealand authorities

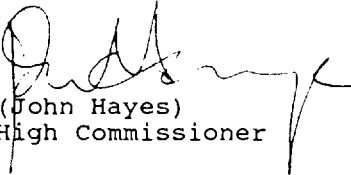
¹ Came into force on 25 July 1990, the date of the letter in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said letters.

expressly consent otherwise. The Government of Papua New Guinea shall waive all claims against the Government of New Zealand or against New Zealand personnel arising out of the performance of their duties. The two governments shall consult on the settlement of any claims.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Papua New Guinea, I have the honour to propose that this letter, together with your reply to that effect, shall constitute an agreement between our two governments which shall enter into force on the date of your reply.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely



(John Hayes)
High Commissioner

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MINISTER FOR DEFENCE

25 July 1990

HE Mr John Hayes
High Commissioner
New Zealand High Commission
P O Box 1144
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My Dear High Commissioner

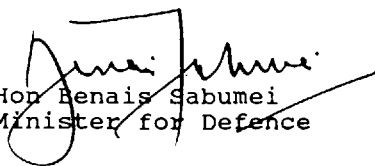
I have the honour to refer to your letter of today's date which reads as follows:

[See letter I]

I have the honour to confirm that the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Papua New Guinea and that your letter, together with this reply, constitute an agreement between our two governments which enters into force on today's date.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely



Hon Renais Sabumei
Minister for Defence