

Honiara Commitments to Peace on Bougainville
as agreed by the ht. Honourable Sir Julius Chan, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea
and Mr. Sam Kauona the Commander of the Bougainville Revolutionary Army
on 3rd September 1994

The Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, The Ht. Honourable Sir Julius Chan and the Commander of the Bougainville Revolutionary Army, Mr. Sam Kauona having met in Honiara, Solomon Islands on 2nd and 3rd September 1994, and;

Noting with deep gratitude and appreciation, the Record of the T Talks between Senior officials of the Papua New Guinea Government and Mr. Sam Kauona held on 26 and 27 August 1994 and which submitted the Agenda for this meeting;

Taking into account the conditions of hardship and suffering experienced so far by the people of Bougainville and Papua New Guinea during the period of the conflict;

Acknowledging the progress made so far by both sides in their individual and collective efforts towards the peace process on Bougainville;

Recognising the important role of the Chairman of the Bougainville Legal Interim Authorities as well as representatives of other Bougainville Groups and their meeting with Mr. Sam Kauona and the organization known as Bougainville Interim Government held in Honiara since Thursday 1st September 1994;

Recognising further the need to speed up the peace process by convening the Bougainville Peace Conference;

Fully acknowledging the goodwill of the Solomon Islands Government in its continuing efforts to facilitate dialogue for the peace process on Bougainville and especially in convening this meeting;

Have agreed as follows:

1. That Peace is hereby declared immediately at Honiara on this Third day of September 1994 following which all forces will maintain strategic positions, and the Cease-fire shall be declared by both parties at a time and date to be agreed and announced within seven days of this commitment.
2. That a South Pacific Peace Keeping Force will be deployed to Bougainville as soon as practicably possible after the declaration of ceasefire when mechanisms and arrangements for the Force are finalised in consultations with participating governments and through consultation between the Commanders of the Forces of both sides.
3. The official lifting of the of the Blockade shall be implemented following consultations by Papua New Guinea Government with Solomon Islands Government and a Third Party.

4. The questions of:-
 - i. Pardon, Amnesty and Temporary Refuge;
 - ii. Reconciliation and Compensation; and
 - iii. Restoration and Reconstructionshall be addressed in the Agenda for the Bougainville Peace Conference.

5. The Bougainville Peace Conference shall be convened at a place in Bougainville or at another venue in Papua New Guinea on a date to be agreed by both parties, preferably such date shall be no later than 10th October, 1994.

Signed at Honiara on Saturday 3rd September 1994

Sir Julius Chan (Prime Minister, Papua New Guinea)

Samuel Kauona (Bougainville Revolutionary Army)

Philip Banas Taruona (Secretary to BRASCO)

Martin Miriori (Representative of the Organisation known as the Bougainville Interim Government)

Brown Bai (CBE Secretary to the Prime Minister and Cabinet)

Thomas Anis (Legal Authorities)

Francis Billy Hilly (Prime Minister of Solomon Islands)