

**No. 31857**

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**NEW ZEALAND  
and  
PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

**Agreement on development cooperation (with annex). Signed  
at Wellington on 10 December 1991**

*Authentic text: English.*

*Registered by New Zealand on 1 June 1995.*

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

**Accord de coopération relatif au développement (avec  
annexe). Signé à Wellington le 10 décembre 1991**

*Texte authentique : anglais.*

*Enregistré par la Nouvelle-Zélande le 1<sup>er</sup> juin 1995.*

AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> ON DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND AND THE GOVERN-  
MENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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PREAMBLE

The Government of New Zealand and the Government of Papua New Guinea (hereinafter referred to as 'the Parties')

COMMITTED to maintaining and strengthening the close and friendly relations between Papua New Guinea and New Zealand,

NOTING the mutual benefits to be gained from full consultation and from arrangements made between the two countries that contribute to the economic and social development of Papua New Guinea,

SEEKING to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and equitability of project based development assistance to Papua New Guinea,

RECOGNISING their mutual interest in formalising arrangements for the conduct of development cooperation between them,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 29 May 1992, the date on which the Parties informed each other of the completion of their constitutional requirements, in accordance with article 4 (1).

## Article 1

## PRINCIPLES OF DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

1. The Government of New Zealand and the Government of Papua New Guinea agree to cooperate in the administration of such development assistance as New Zealand may from time to time offer to Papua New Guinea.
2. Any such development cooperation between the Parties shall be programmed in such a manner that it:
  - (a) contributes towards social and economic development and self-reliance in Papua New Guinea,
  - (b) allows for effective and efficient forward planning and project implementation in accordance with policies and priorities set by the Government of Papua New Guinea,
  - (c) acknowledges the agreed importance of human resource development and institutional strengthening to the development of Papua New Guinea, and
  - (d) is consistent with the policies on development cooperation of both Parties.
3. Any development cooperation undertaken in accordance with this Agreement shall be subject to the provisions of the attached Annex except to the extent that they are expressly excluded by the Parties in respect of specific projects.

## Article 2

## CONSULTATION AND REVIEW

1. The Parties note the importance of the annual development assistance talks, and the role of a project coordinating group, in promoting the progress of the country programme.
2. The Parties shall undertake periodic reviews, jointly or separately, to ensure the effective implementation of development cooperation arrangements, specific programmes and projects.
3. Such reviews may be undertaken through the coordinating authority of each State, and/or within the framework of the Consultative Group on Papua New Guinea, and/or by taking account of available economic reviews on Papua New Guinea or by such other means as may be determined by the Parties.

## Article 3

## AMENDMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

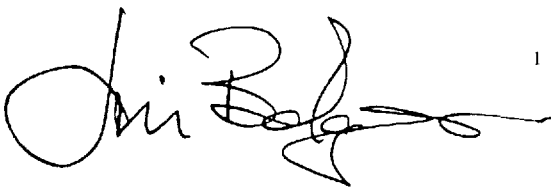
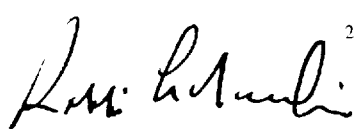
1. Upon the request of either Government the Parties shall consult regarding any matter relating to the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement and shall jointly endeavour in a spirit of cooperation and mutual trust to resolve any difficulties or misunderstandings which may arise.
2. This Agreement may be amended at any time by mutual agreement.

## Article 4

## ENTRY INTO FORCE AND DURATION

1. This Agreement shall enter into force from the date on which the Parties inform each other by an exchange of notes that their constitutional and other requirements for the entry into force of the Agreement have been fulfilled.
2. Either Party may terminate this Agreement by written notification through the diplomatic channel of its intention to do so. Such notification shall take effect six months from the date of receipt by the other Party.
3. Notwithstanding paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article, activities undertaken pursuant to this Agreement shall continue to be governed by its terms until their completion.

DONE at Wellington, in duplicate, this ~~ten~~<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1991.

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For the Government  
of New Zealand

For the Government  
of Papua New Guinea

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