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Dear Mr. Trivedy,

I am writing to you as the Co-Chair of the Papua New Guinea Joint Steering Committee for the Peacebuilding Fund. I am pleased to inform you that the UN Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO) has approved the Papua New Guinea Peacebuilding Priority Plan in the amount of \$7,300,000 with the following repartition of funding per Priority Plan Outcome Area:

Priority Plan Outcome Area:	Approved PBF funds (in USD):
Outcome Area 1: Relationship and trust between GoPNG and ABG are strengthened	\$2,500,000
Outcome Area 2: People of Bougainville are empowered to make informed choices at the Bougainville referendum and to have increased confidence in the BPA process	\$2,500,000
Outcome Area 3: Community social cohesion and security in Bougainville are strengthened	\$1,500,000
Joint Steering Committee Secretariat and M&E of the Priority Plan	\$800,000
TOTAL	\$7,300,000

Mr. Roy Trivedy,
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cc: Mr. Yannick Glemarec,
Executive Coordinator, Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office, UNDP

As you will note, PBSO has approved an additional \$150,000 towards the Joint Steering Committee Secretariat and the monitoring and evaluation of the Priority Plan, in order to be able to provide 50% of the cost of a UN Peace and Development Adviser (PDA) for a maximum of two years, given the most recent cost estimates. As such, a total of \$300,000 is provided towards the PDA, with the proviso that PBF funds must not cover more than 50% of PDA's total costs at any one time.

The PBF funds will be made available through the designated UN agencies once projects are approved by the Joint Steering Committee. All projects must be in line with the approved Priority Plan, implementing its three Outcomes, and must not exceed the total funding amount allocated to each Outcome Area. Should the Joint Steering Committee wish to make a change to the Priority Plan scope or to re-allocate funds between Outcome Areas, this request will need to come back to PBSO for review. We would expect that all projects are finalised within 3 to 6 months of the Priority Plan approval, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Having reviewed the scope of the three Outcome Areas, it appears to us that Outcome Area 3 – with its community component - may be underfunded if it aims to achieve significant scale across Bougainville. As such, PBSO recommends to the Joint Steering Committee to monitor closely the implementation rate under this Outcome for further review in 2015.

As previously highlighted, specific referendum-related activities will be dependent on the conduct and findings of a UN referendum needs assessment.

The Joint Steering Committee is responsible for the approval and oversight of the PBF funded projects, as well as their ultimate results. As part of its oversight responsibilities, the Committee will need to review six-monthly project reports as well as to provide an annual report to PBSO with regards to the implementation of the Priority Plan more broadly, due annually on 1 December. We encourage you to establish rapidly the Joint Steering Committee Secretariat. After about 6-9 months of project implementation, PBSO will work with the Secretariat to organise an evaluability assessment of the Priority Plan activities to determine their coherence and peacebuilding logic and help fine-tune projects, if need be.

Given the high ratings of both likelihood and impact of the risk factors identified in the Priority Plan's Risk Management Matrix, PBSO and our UN partners at the Headquarters are keen to pay close attention to the progress of this Priority Plan. As such, we would like to organise a videoconference on progress and risk management within three months of the start of project implementation.

Finally, in taking forward the development of the PBF projects under this Priority Plan, we would like to draw your attention to the following recommendations:

- As a first step, review the mapping of all the relevant existing peacebuilding activities in Bougainville, including adding those from

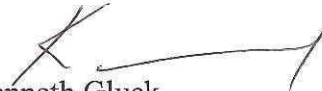
UNICEF and UN Women which are not in the current mapping;

- Ensure that the projectisation process is consultative and uses a broad partnership with the civil society and the UN agencies with a view to achieving the Priority Plan most effectively;
- Consider how through Outcome Area 1 the UN can continue to support the transfer of powers between the national Government and the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) in those sectors where the UN has the expertise and value-added and to establish further linkages with the Autonomy Review findings;
- Consider a broad range of political fora and dedicated expertise, which are at the UN and international disposal, that could be used to ensure progress under Outcome Area 1 – our office and the UN Department of Political Affairs can provide further support and recommendations in this area;
- Consider how the Priority Plan projects can, through their activities, help to strengthen ABG capacity, processes and relevant structures;
- Consider how the JSC Secretariat M&E officer can work closely with the ABG authorities in monitoring the progress of the Priority Plan, including providing some capacity building support on peacebuilding M&E.

Our team is ready to continue to provide technical support to ensure the quality of projects to be funded with PBF funds. I look forward to our continued partnership and to making a tangible peacebuilding impact to Bougainville and Papua New Guinea.

Kindly share this letter with the two other Joint Steering Committee Co-Chairs as well as the other members of the Joint Steering Committee.

Yours sincerely,



Kenneth Gluck
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