THE HUTJENA RECORD

Recording a meeting between the delegation of the Government of Papua New Guinea and the delegation of Bougainville on 14th and 15th day of December 1999

Record of Meeting

The Bougainville Delegation presented to the Rt. Hon. Sir Michael Somare GCMG CH MP a document recording Bougainville's common view as to the future of Bougainville and noted that the people of Bougainville are of the firm conviction that the issues of Autonomy and Referendum are inseparably linked and must be considered together.

In receiving the document Sir Michael Somare said that

- the National Executive Council has met and defined the PNG Government delegation's mandate, which includes receiving proposals from the Bougainville delegation, presenting them to NEC, and providing a reply; and

- whatever might be requested, discussed or agreed here is subject to the final authority of the NEC and the National Parliament

The following common understandings have been reached:

1. That the Minister shall take a submission on the issue of Referendum as outlined in the Bougainville Parties joint negotiating document to the National Executive Council for its consideration.

2. That the Government of Papua New Guinea agrees that the highest possible Autonomy shall be granted to Bougainville, subject to negotiation.

3. That the Government shall at the same time provide its response to the principle of Referendum as outlined in the Bougainville proposal
4. As a result of the decision of the Supreme Court of Papua New Guinea on the suspension of the Government of Bougainville interim arrangements for Government on Bougainville should be developed and agreed between the Parties.


Signed on the 15th day of December 1999

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