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OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to inform you that a meeting of Foreign Ministers of Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, and the External Affairs Spokesman for FLNKS was held in Port Vila, New Caledonia on 3 June 1985 to primarily get first-hand information from the FLNKS on developments in New Caledonia since the 18th November, 1984 Territorial Assembly Elections.

The meeting was a success and was viewed by the FLNKS as an important development in the Kanaks call for independence. In this connection, I am pleased to enclose herewith certain positions adopted by the above-mentioned countries and the FLNKS.

I would highly appreciate it if the attached be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ambassador Renagi R. LOHIA
Permanent Representative

Annex

1. Re-affirmed the legitimate right of the Kanak people to independence;
2. Questioned and refuted the credibility and genuineness of the French Government's effort to bring independence for New Caledonia;
3. Declared that there is no need for any referendum on the question of independence for New Caledonia without electoral reforms which would guarantee Kanak independence;
4. Expressed a strong desire to see the forthcoming Forum in the Cook Islands address the issue of New Caledonia's independence in a more positive and concrete manner;
5. Condemned the French military build-up in New Caledonia; and
6. Agreed to re-inscribe New Caledonia on the United Nations list of non-self-governing territories.
