

BOUGAINVILLE PEACE PROCESS

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Officers of the Papua New Guinea Government, the Bougainville Transitional Government, the Bougainville Resistance and the Bougainville Interim Government met in Buka from 11 to 14 December 1998.

The mandate for the meeting was to consider how to establish the Bougainville Reconciliation Government following the National Parliament's failure to pass the proposed amendments to constitutional laws which had been previously agreed. In doing so, officers were mindful of relevant Papua New Guinea Government statements, including the Media Releases issued by the Minister for Bougainville Affairs on 2 and 10 December, and the Joint Communique issued by the BTG/BIG Leaders' Consultative Talks held in Arawa on 8-9 December.

The attached Draft Basic Agreement concerning the Bougainville Reconciliation Government (BRG) has been prepared to assist leaders, including the Members who represent Bougainville in the National Parliament, in reaching agreement on the early establishment of the BRG.

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