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Solomon Islands is honoured to share some thoughts with you as a post-conflict country on the theme **“Conflict prevention in multipolar world: Perspective from g7+ countries”**

Solomon Islands is one of the twenty conflict-affected countries under the Inter-governmental Organisation [g7+] which was established in 2010 to help these countries achieve peace and stability through peer learning and advocacy for effective cooperation.

The g7+ outlook to development is based on the premise that without peace and stability there can be no development; and that development cooperation engagement should be consistent with domestic contexts based on the national development agenda of countries. Hence, the g7+ exists to create a collective platform to

share experiences and promote countryspecific and country-led engagement strategies.

The g7+ is guided by five goals:

- i. fostering inclusive political settlements and conflict resolution
- ii. strengthening security
- iii. access to justice
- iv. generating employment, and
- v. managing revenue and building capacity for accountable and fair service delivery.

Excellencies, conflict-affected countries have the same development aspirations and outcomes as all other countries in the world. However, the realisation of these development aspirations is somewhat more difficult to achieve than for other countries especially over the past three years when our already multipolar world was affected by the global COVID-19 pandemic and impacts of new military conflicts between some countries.

For Solomon Islands, the COVID-9 pandemic had diverted the allocation of resources to ensure we protected our citizens from COVID-19 for which we were quite successful. However, the re-prioritisation of resources during this period has affected some of our efforts to address the findings and recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission which would allow us to start addressing the root causes of the ethnic conflict the country had experienced.

The government's efforts to revitalise key industries that drive our economy since the re-opening of our international borders in July this year has started to inject confidence into the industries and to our general population.

While we can not control the externalities from the outside world our focus in addressing conflict has to long-term peace and stability that linked to sustainable economic investments and opportunities for employment and engagement in economic opportunities for the general population.

Economic empowerment and long-term peace and security are the two interwoven pillars we are driving to achieve the five goals of the g7+ articulated above and provide the foundation of inclusive political settlement and conflict resolution; strengthening security; enhancing access to justice; ensuring employment security; and enhancing governance and effective service delivery.

As a country, we have been blessed with support from our development partners in areas that augment the resources provided by government so we have been able to continue rolling-out some of our conflict resolution and peace building work in key fundamental and sectoral programmes under our National Peacebuilding Policy, which enables us to maintain momentum to achieving the goals espoused in the country's National Development Strategy (NDS) 2016 – 2035.

More needs to be done to fully address the peace and security agenda in Solomon Islands. However, we are progressing patiently and carefully to ensure we continue to unlock positive opportunities for long-term peace as we continue to unpack the root causes of the conflicts which will then help us identify and implement long-term sustainable solutions for long-term peace and security in Solomon Islands.

We are experience the consequences of the economic and security events both external and internal to the country, however we have also benefitted from the opportunities that present themselves at the same time.

We therefore look forward to continuing our journey to fully address conflict prevention and rebuilding of confidence and trust amongst our people so that the resulting peaceful and secure environment will then provide the platform for long-term economic growth and prosperity that will do justice to achieving once again the common description of Solomon Islands as the ‘happy isles’.

Finally, as a member of the g7+ group of countries Solomon Islands will endeavour to continue working with other members of the group, sharing experiences, and learning from others in the group as we individually and collectively chart our courses into a future that awaits us with hope and a better and more secure and peaceful future for our countries and our people.

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