

UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DECOLONISATION

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Thank you!

My presentation will primarily focus on the role of the Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG) as a Pacific regional political organization addressing the issue of decolonization in the remaining Non Self Governing Territories (NSGTs) in the Pacific. The paper will make specific reference to the MSG historical

- The very *raison d'être* of the Melanesian Spearhead Group

Many a times we remind ourselves in the MSC and others of the reasons

Territory of New Caledonia grew louder and was strongly echoed in the Pacific

the continued support for MSG Development Mission of the United Nations has

greatly helped the FLNKS advance its cause at the regional and international level.

Needless to remind ourselves that the MSG was initially established to

our own future that we aspire to achieve peace, security and enduring prosperity.

- **The MSG and the decolonisation process in New Caledonia**

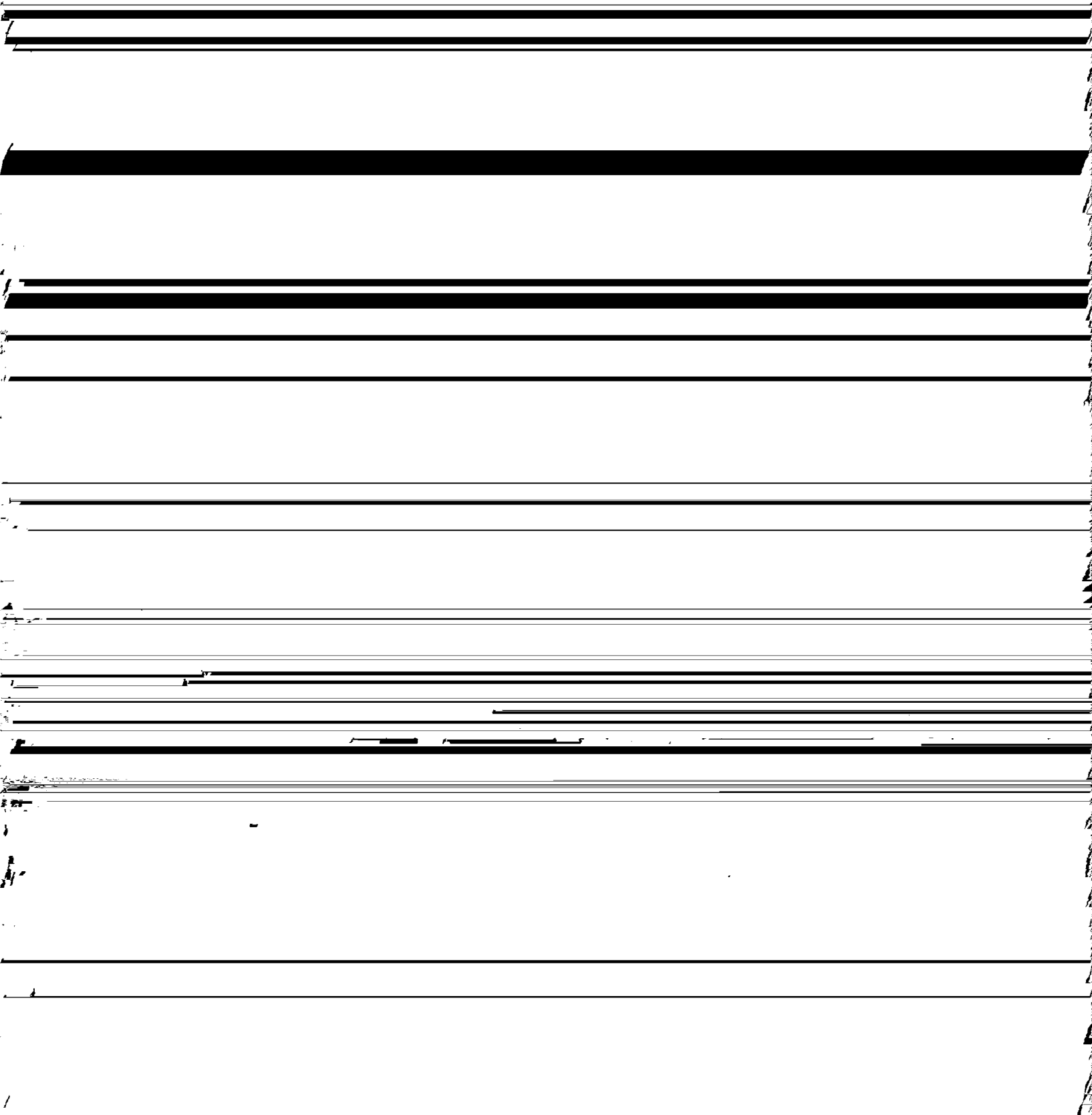
In highlighting the status of the FLNKS as a non-sovereign state member of the MSG, the MSG Eminent Persons Group Report considered the FLNKS as *“essentially a government-in-waiting should the Nouméa Accord processes result*

- i. MSG Leaders and other MSG representatives to include in all their statements at the UN and elsewhere their support for the FLNKS case and for the proper implementation of the provisions of the Noumea Accord, and to be alert to any move to delisting New Caledonia from the UN decolonization list;
- ii. MSG Leaders to consider the appropriate forms of assistance to the FLNKS leading up to the elections and can include: financial assistance, attachment of personnel to the FLNKS Bureau for capacity building, provision of observers during the elections, and other technical assistance.
- iii. **In addition MSG Leaders approved various forms of assistance which**

In terms of sub-regional cooperation within the MSG, the EPG considered that various mechanisms for information sharing, coordination

Among these recommendations that call for immediate actions is the urgent need to:

(b) Enhance the training of high level executives for the public and private



(viii) The mission considers that for the future of New Caledonia it is

essential that the recommendations contained in the 2011 report of the

To this effect, the MSG Leaders signed the Noumea Declaration in 2013 to renew their commitment to:

- (i) Pursue and protect the right to self-determination of the indigenous Kanak people of New in accordance with the UN Charter and the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [including the UN Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples];*
- (ii) Take appropriate steps to assist the FLNKS in the implementation of the decolonization process according to the Noumea Accord and to be alert to*

- Proposals

Mr Chairman.

In line with our distinguished representatives from the FLNKS and in

the Noumea Accord in its final term and present a preliminary report to the regional seminar as it was done in 2014 in Fiji. Without pre-empting the

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