



COALITION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS TO END GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

NOW IS THE TIME: UNITED FOR EQUALITY

First National Summit on Ending Gender-Based Violence

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OUTCOME STATEMENT

We, the members of the Coalition of Parliamentarians Committed to end gender-based violence have a vision of a Papua New Guinea where all women and girls can fully participate in the political, economic, cultural, and social life with all the rights and privileges bestowed upon them as citizens of our great nation.

We recognize that women have been the pillars of our nation since ancient times. They are the wealth creators, maintain social cohesion and are held in high regard in our communities. In the matrilineal areas of our country, women are the property owners. This power and the role of women must be recognized and harnessed for the greater progress of our country: extending their powerful role into all sectors including politics. Even our patrilineal heritage recognizes women as the backbone of our society.

We know that to address gender-based violence, we must address gender equality, and men and boys must learn to stand beside women and girls as allies and partners. This is not a new agenda or paradigm. This notion of women as leaders and pillars of our country is imbedded in our culture and traditions, as well as in our Constitution and national goals and guiding principles.

Removing the barriers that prevent women and girls from achieving their potential and living their dreams will remove the same barriers that are holding our nation back from succeeding on the global stage. With women and girls free of the shackles that now bind them, our nation will be unstoppable.

We know that women's inequality is an issue that affects us all. This is not only a human rights issue, it is an economic imperative. We cannot reach our full potential as



a country, when half of our people are marginalized and denied full inclusion and participation. We know that the full inclusion of women boosts our economy, increases our productivity, and reduces child poverty.

We know that addressing women's equity requires all social agents – individuals, organizations and all levels of government – to take intentional steps towards this goal. Our Coalition is committed to take positive action within our jurisdictions and encourage others to do the same.

We know that access to basic socioeconomic supports is a crucial step for increasing women's safety, security, well-being, independence and rights and freedoms. Access to stable housing, secure employment, infrastructure like streetlights, safe markets and easily accessed water and sanitation, and financial resources, greatly contribute to whether or not a woman is able to fully participate in society and successfully leave situations of violence and vulnerability.

We aim to make our jurisdictions gold-standards in gender-equality and ending gender-based violence, starting with ourselves, and will use our power, voice and influence to disrupt and demand change. We look to a new adage: —we do not want the power to accept what we cannot change: instead we embrace our power to change what we cannot accept.

We know that those with education are offered the greatest chance to not just succeed personally, but also to succeed for our country, and that this is critical for our women and girls to advance and gain independence.

We aim to ensure that there are pathways to support our young people to achieve their dreams and to find the support to grow healthy violence-free relationships. We invite the private sector to join us. We will seek to direct our attention on young people in relationships who are struggling.

We know that women and girls need to be able to claim the rights of their own bodies. To decide when and where and with whom they plan their families. We know that the consent to sexual activities must lie with both parties, and for women and girls to have access to clear information, services and the necessary tools to protect themselves from having unwanted children.



Our private sector leaders, in particular have shown to be a tremendous voice, well-ahead of the national government, and support in addressing gender-based violence because they have long seen how gender-based violence affects their ability to run their businesses. Given the rates of violence amongst salaried women, we need to work to up the game of the private sector broadly, and find ways to collaborate.

We invite all other programming focused on directly ending gender-based violence, as well as those programs focused on the root causes, to join with us, collaborate with us, align with us, integrate programs with us, join voices with ours, so that our collective result is more than what any one of us can hope to achieve alone.

We know we need to partner and bring together all of the institutions, companies, agencies, civil society groups and people who believe in ending violence against women and girls. We need to combine our voices into a common, consistent, loud and disruptive message that demands and secures change.

We believe that for our country, nation and people to succeed, we must be guided by and hold onto values that will maintain our decisions and actions to high standards. Making decisions and spending resources without regarding these values or vision will result in poor outcomes. For Papua New Guinea, these values are pronounced clearly in the five National Goals and Directive Principles of the National Constitution. Prominent in these inspirational goals and directive principles is the call for equality.

As such, we are guided by the lofty vision of the National Goals and Directive Principles set out at the very birth of our country as an independent nation. These are the values and principles that should define our country and guide all activities of the State and its institutions, and as such, we use them to guide our own.



We, the Members of the Parliamentarian Coalition to End Gender-Based Violence agree to:

1. Meet annually to host a national Summit to address gender-based violence where we will hear and discuss the status of women and girls in our nation, and agree to an annual set of goals and action plans at provincial, regional and national levels.
2. Develop a monitoring body or secretariat that will track and provide an annual report on status of the national and provincial strategies, and more broadly on the status of gender equality, gender-based violence, and women and girls in general in the nation.
3. Develop, resource and actionize provincial and district strategies and tactical plans to promote gender equality and an end to gender-based violence, and share these with each other, and report out on their status annually.
4. Support the adoption of the National and Provincial GBV Council structure in line with the successful national structure used to address HIV AIDS in Papua New Guinea.
5. Support the police: demand and ensure they are properly resourced, trained and equipped to address GBV and be held accountable for their actions
6. Collaborate across provinces to create a seamless system of sharing real time case-management data on gender-based violence.
7. Develop and implement strategies to engage men and boys as allies and partners in promoting gender equality and stopping gender-based violence and agree to be role models and lead the change.
8. Instate curriculum in schools on gender-equality, conflict resolution, relationship management and gender-based violence to help the generations to follow us to grow up violence-free.
9. Implement provincial and district level coordination and governance mechanisms as guided by provincial GBV strategies and action plans;
10. Develop national and cross-provincial and district coordination mechanism, with legally agreed protocols on data sharing around GBV cases, perpetrators and survivors.
11. Develop, resource and implement strong family planning services in our provinces and districts to ensure women and girls have the right to choose when, where and with whom they have children.



Stand together as a Coalition in the National Government to:

1. Demand and vote for Parliament to pass legislation that reserves seats in parliament for women.
2. Demand and vote for Parliament to pass anti-gender-discrimination legislation.
3. Demand that laws against gender-based violence are enforced regardless of whether women withdraw their claims or not.
4. Demand the National Government resources and actionizes the national gender-based violence strategy.
5. Demand the National Government reform the judiciary system to triage and expedite gender-based violence cases and ensure due process and enforcement is served with the care and urgency deserved, and ensure that it is funded and enforced.
6. Demand the National Government create a monitoring body to provide timely, and at the very least annual, updates and data on the status of women in the country, starting with a national survey conducted in 2021, and ensure that it is funded and conducted properly.
7. Demand the National Government ensure the police formalize, resource and actionize the FSVU in the formal system of the police across the country, and ensure that it is funded and enforced.
8. Demand the National Government ensures that courts adopt, formalize, resource and actionize specialized streams to deal with gender-based violence cases and ensure that it is funded and enforced.
9. Demand the National Government take responsibility for creating a referral pathway that works for survivors, with all the necessary services and support needed to protect women and children.
10. Demand the National Government implement the Population Policy, particularly making family planning choices available at all health centers throughout the country.
11. Encourage the National Government adopt a GBV council-based structure similar to the response used to address HIVAIDS.



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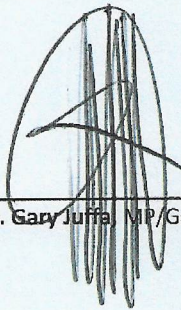
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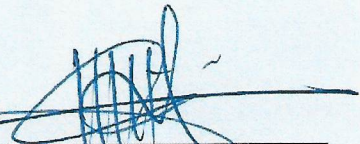
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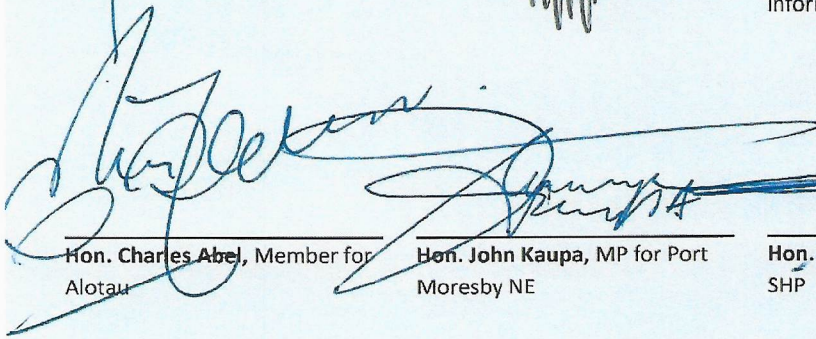
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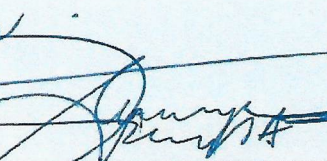
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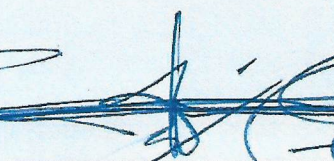
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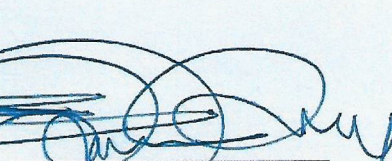
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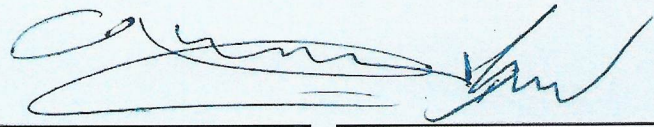
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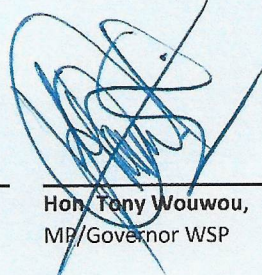
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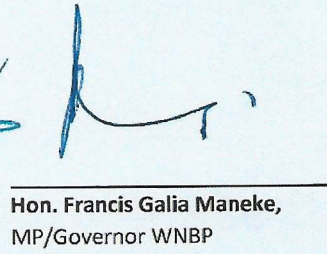
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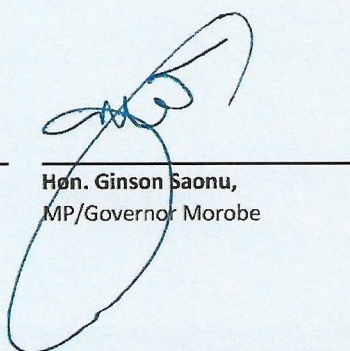
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