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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN NEW ZEALAND AND SOLOMON ISLANDS ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT BY A CONTINGENT OF THE NEW ZEALAND ARMED FORCES TO SOLOMON ISLANDS FOR EXERCISE TROPIC DAWN 90

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NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSION
HONIARA SOLOMON ISLANDS

24 August 1990

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Dear Minister

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT BY A CONTINGENT OF THE NEW ZEALAND ARMED FORCES TO SOLOMON ISLANDS FOR EXERCISE TROPIC DAWN 90

(1) Text of Initiating Note

I have the honour to refer to the talks held between officials from New Zealand and Solomon Islands in May 1990 concerning the visit of a contingent of the New Zealand Armed Forces to Solomon Islands for Exercise TROPIC DAWN 90 to be held between 29 August and 17 September 1990. The purpose of the exercise is to give New Zealand Service personnel experience in minor infantry tactics in a tropical environment and to undertake training assistance to the Royal Solomon Islands Police (RSIP) as requested by the Government of Solomon Islands. I now propose on behalf of the Government of New Zealand that an agreement be reached between our two Governments relating to these exercises on the following terms:

1 The Government of New Zealand will send a contingent of 120 Army personnel to Solomon Islands between 29 August and 17 September 1990 to take part in Exercise TROPIC DAWN 90. A contingent training team will deploy to Solomon Islands 14 days prior to the arrival of other contingent members to provide pre-exercise training for the RSIP. The contingent will deploy to and from Solomon Islands by RNZAF Hercules aircraft. An

¹ Came into force on 28 August 1990, the date of the note in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

RNZAF Andover aircraft will provide for in-country transport support.

2 For the purposes of this Agreement, and unless the context otherwise requires, the terms set out below shall have the following meanings:

"New Zealand contingent" means that group of New Zealand Servicemen who will be visiting Solomon Islands for the purpose of taking part in Exercise TROPIC DAWN 90 in Solomon Islands.

"New Zealand serviceman" means an individual member of the contingent of the New Zealand Armed Forces who will be visiting Solomon Islands for the purpose of taking part in Exercise TROPIC DAWN 90 and "New Zealand servicemen" means such members.

"New Zealand Service authorities" means the authorities empowered by the law of New Zealand to exercise command or jurisdiction over members of the New Zealand contingent while they are participating in Exercise TROPIC DAWN 90.

3 The New Zealand contingent taking part in Exercise TROPIC DAWN 90, shall be permitted to:

- a conduct infantry minor tactics training on Vangunu;
- b use the RSIP barracks in Honiara as a staging camp;
- c conduct advanced infantry minor tactics training for 30 members of the RSIP;
- d conduct basic infantry minor tactics training for up to 30 members of the RSIP;
- e exercise with the RSIP Patrol Boat LATA and 30 members of the RSIP in the Vangunu area.

4 The Solomon Islands Government shall make available up to 60 members of the RSIP for training and provide interpreter support, liaison, and advice to the New Zealand contingent taking part in Exercise TROPIC DAWN 90.

5 The Solomon Islands Government shall make available the LATA to exercise with the New Zealand contingent taking part in Exercise TROPIC DAWN 90.

6 The New Zealand contingent taking part in Exercise TROPIC DAWN 90 shall supply rations, ball ammunition and blank ammunition for RSIP personnel.

7 The Government of New Zealand shall facilitate the movement to and from Honiara of those RSIP personnel taking part in Exercise TROPIC DAWN 90.

8 The Government of New Zealand shall pay the fuel costs of the LATA for the duration of Exercise TROPIC DAWN 90.

9 The Government of Solomon Islands shall not levy landing charges against the Government of New Zealand for the use of airport facilities in connection with exercise TROPIC DAWN 90.

10 The Government of Solomon Islands shall facilitate the entry of the New Zealand contingent into Solomon Islands for Exercise TROPIC DAWN 90 by not requiring passports of its members. The following documents shall, however, be required for entry into Solomon Islands:

- a a personal identity card issued by the appropriate authority of the Government of New Zealand showing the full name, date of birth, rank and number, service and photograph of the holder;
- b an individual or collective movement order issued by an appropriate authority and certifying to the status of the individual or group as a member of a New Zealand contingent.

11 All freight and exercise stores and equipment required by the New Zealand contingent for the exercise shall be given entry free of all duties and taxes by the Government of Solomon Islands provided that a detailed list of New Zealand stores and equipment is forwarded to the Government of Solomon Islands. The New Zealand contingent taking part in Exercise TROPIC DAWN 90 shall provide to the Government of Solomon Islands a list of weapons by type and serial number.

12 The New Zealand contingent shall be permitted to take with it upon departure all equipment brought by it into Solomon Islands for the purpose of Exercise TROPIC DAWN 90 free from export duties and related charges and restrictions.

13 New Zealand servicemen shall be entitled to use valid New Zealand drivers licences and New Zealand Army drivers licenses.

14 The New Zealand contingent shall provide its own 24 hour ration packs which shall comply with the agricultural requirements of Solomon Islands.

15 For the purpose of the command and control of members of the New Zealand contingent participating in TROPIC DAWN 90 and for exercise purposes, the Government of Solomon Islands shall allow the New Zealand contingent to establish and operate HF and VHF radio stations using frequencies approved by the Solomon Islands Government.

16 New Zealand servicemen may wear uniform in performing official duties in Solomon Islands.

17 New Zealand servicemen while in Solomon Islands for purposes of Exercise TROPIC DAWN 90 shall be permitted to possess and carry arms on condition that they are authorised to do so by their orders and provided that arrangements regarding