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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MIGRATION OFFICER

SUB: CHANGES IN SUPPORT SERVICES AND CONTINUATION OF REGIONAL PROCESSING ARRANGEMENTS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

I am writing to you to inform you of changes that will occur in the way you will receive support and assistance in Papua New Guinea (PNG).

PNG and Australia have decided that Australia's involvement in regional processing arrangements in PNG will end on 31 December 2021. From 1 January 2022, PNG will manage arrangement independently and will support you while in PNG. (Please see attached for details on supports).

PNG will provide support and services that meet your individual requirements and support your ongoing residence in PNG – permanent or temporary. PNG will continue to provide you with the right to determine your own pathway; to choose where you want to live, to have resources to live sustainably, and to have access to the education and training required to prepare you to be able to live an independent life. PNG's model, led by the Immigration and Citizenship Authority (ICA), is based on choice and independence.

PNG will help you pursue third country migration options. If you are already in a third country process – you are welcome to remain in PNG until the process is completed. You will be granted a visa so you are lawful in PNG, and while you obey the laws of PNG, you will be allowed to stay until you depart.

You may want to settle in PNG and PNG can offer access to citizenship, long term support, settlement packages and family reunification. ICA wants to understand what you need to settle in PNG and become a contributing member of the PNG community. ICA wants to know what will help you feel safe and be part of this nation. What do you need to support yourself and your family and build a life in PNG?

A Steering Committee, comprising prominent leaders within the PNG community, wants to meet with you to provide further information about staying in PNG. This will help us understand what you need to remain in PNG and if you choose to settle, the supports for successful integration into the community.

You can also choose to relocate to Nauru. Transfer is voluntary and available to all transferees; however, families cannot transfer. Transfers must occur prior to 31 December 2021. We are advised that persons currently in third country resettlement processes can continue to pursue these in Nauru. With the departure of Australian involvement in PNG, any new or additional third country resettlement options that are

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I understand these decisions are difficult. PNG is a welcoming country to all persons who wish to settle here, and remains committed to supporting third country migration options if you don't wish to stay. ICA will work with you to identify a durable solution that is best for you and will continue to support you until you depart.

Yours Sincerely

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CHIEF MIGRATION OFFICER

Attached: New Support Services Arrangements

Under the ICA administered services model, you will receive:

- ❖ A support allowance to 300 single/400 family PGK per week before tax.
- ❖ A food allowance of 400 single/600 family PGK per week that is to be used to order a weekly food order so that you can cook for yourself.
- ❖ Accommodation in a self-contained apartment for yourself, with an A grade security service, with no formal ICA presence.
- ❖ A free secure bus service that gives access to larger areas of Port Moresby including shopping centers and gyms.
- ❖ Free transport to all approved education and training.
- ❖ A discounted ride share service to give access to places not serviced by the bus route

A client to connect service has been established to assist you with engaging with these services. The client connect service is provided by a company called "Chatswood" and staff from this service will be in contact to provide more details and assistance in the coming days.

In addition to this Chatswood has also been engaged to provide status resolution managers, who will work closely with you to develop an understanding of the durable solutions available to you and what pathway you choose to follow, they too will be in contact to arrange a suitable time to discuss this with you.