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HON. ALLAN BIRD, MP

Chairman
Special Parliamentary Committee on 2022 General Elections
PNG National Parliament
Post Office, Parliament House
WAIGANI, National Capital District
Papua New Guinea

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Dear Hon. Allan Bird MP,

SUBJECT: SUBMISSION ON COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE BY A COALITION OF ORGANISATIONS REPRESENTING YOUNG PEOPLE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

We write on behalf of a coalition of organizations representing the young people of Papua New Guinea (called the "Youth Coalition") in response to the public call for written submissions made by the Special Parliamentary Committee on the 2022 General Elections (the "Committee") regarding its Terms of Reference ("TOR").

The Youth Coalition was formed in 2018 by various civil society organizations who represent young people with a view to collaborate on issues impacting the welfare of young people in society. On 9 Feb 2023, the Youth Coalition came together to agree on a joint-written submission in response to the Committee's TOR. This submission is **enclosed**.

At the time of submission, most members of the Youth Coalition were not able to fully participate and or contribute to this joint-submission due to capacity and time constraints. However, we are confident that the views expressed in the joint-submission adequately represents views shared by all members of the Youth Coalition and more broadly the young people throughout PNG.

The Youth Coalition implores the Committee to seriously consider the issues and recommendations put forward by the Youth Coalition which we believe needs urgent attention by National Government for the good of democracy in our country.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you would like to discuss the submission or reach out to any of the organizations who were consulted and contributed to the joint-submission.

Yours faithfully, ON BEHALF OF THE YOUTH COALITION

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