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RE: 7.4 Magnitude Earthquakes: Emergency Response and Recovery Appeal

On behalf of the Government and the People of the Republic of Vanuatu, I wish to update you on the recent tragic and unprecedented Earthquake that struck Vanuatu on 17 December 2024, and to further solicit your support in this difficult time.

The 7.4 Magnitude Earthquake which struck Vanuatu, especially the Capital, Port Vila, in the Island of Efate at midday Tuesday 17 December 2024, followed by a number of aftershocks, has caused widespread havoc destruction and fatalities. A number of essential city infrastructures were severely damaged; buildings, roads, bridges, wharves, and the airport terminal with a confirmed death toll of twelve (12) but unofficial reports of fatalities estimated at around forty (40).

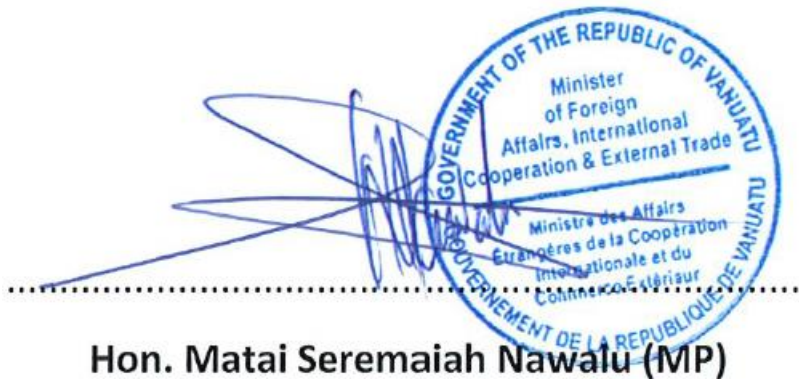
The Government of Vanuatu has announced a seven (7) days State of Emergency covering the worst affected areas. This emergency timeframe allows for the Government machinery, working around the clock, to provide updates on Site Report and the Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) for our collective efforts and thorough coordination critical to our efforts to address the needs of our affected populations.

An estimated 80 percent of important and essential government services including private sector businesses have been disrupted, including the government and nationwide networks and internet, submarine cable, buildings, roads, bridges, the main wharf and other essential infrastructures.

In light of this, the Government of Vanuatu has this honor to cordially invite you to favourably contribute to the *immediate recovery phase*, which the Government of Vanuatu intends to concurrently undertake with the *emergency response phase* in the period of the next few weeks and months.

I sincerely thank you for your unwavering support and I look forward to the same support in this *emergency response* and for further *immediate and long-term* recovery.

Yours Sincerely,



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