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The FLNKS Spokesperson Mr. Victor Tutugoro accompanied by the President of the “Union Calédonienne”(The biggest party within the FLNKS) Mr. Charles Pidjot met with the Director General of the MSG Secretariat, Mr. Forau, the Director of Corporate Services Division, Mr. Nirua as well as Advisors and Officers of the Secretariat to continue discussions on the preparations for the 2nd MSG High Level/Ministerial Mission to Kanaky-New Caledonia.



The 2nd MSG High Level/Ministerial Mission was endorsed by MSG Leaders at their Special Summit in Suva on 31 March, 2012, in line with previous decisions for MSG to monitor the Noumea Accord to complement the UN Decolonisation Committee assessment of the decolonisation process in Kanaky-New Caledonia. The mission was due to visit New Caledonia from 01 to 06 July, 2012 but was postponed to a later date.

During the discussions with the FLNKS, Mr. Tutugoro indicated that the FLNKS Political Bureau has publicly pointed to the role of the French State for the deferral of the Mission in an attempt to discredit and destabilise the MSG as a regional organisation with a clear mandate. Nevertheless, the FLNKS said that despite any political tactics used, they are confident that the 2nd MSG Ministerial Mission to Kanaky-New Caledonia will proceed and the FLNKS looks forward to hosting the mission in Kanaky. Mr. Pidjot further added that the FLNKS will continue to promote dialogue with partners of the Noumea Accord to pursue the shared vision of a Common Destiny.

Mr. Forau reaffirmed to the FLNKS delegation that the MSG will continue to support the FLNKS in the emancipation process through the continued assessment and monitoring of the Noumea Accord. This support is further enhanced by the mutual cooperation between the MSG Secretariat and the United Nations Department of Political Affairs (UNDPA) through the work of the Special Committee on Decolonization (C24) on the question of New Caledonia. The monitoring report and assessment of the implementation of the Noumea Accord conducted by the MSG Ministerial Mission also contribute to the annual working papers prepared by the C24 Secretariat and form the basis of resolutions on the question of New Caledonia.

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Further the FLNKS representatives insisted on the importance of the 2nd MSG Ministerial Mission to visit Kanaky-New Caledonia in the coming weeks to achieve its mandate given by MSG Leaders but also to communicate their assessment of the Noumea Accord to the UN Decolonisation Committee before its next session.

The MSG plays a vital and important role in the monitoring the self-determination process in Kanaky-New Caledonia providing regional and international support to the FLNKS as a signatory to the Noumea Accord and as full member of MSG, and to ensure that the Noumea Accord is well respected by all parties and stakeholders. This reaffirms the initial objective of MSG as a regional organisation set up to provide that continued Melanesian brotherhood support to the FLNKS and the struggle of the Kanaky people.

The FLNKS Political Bureau renewed its confidence that the MSG will proceed to complete its mandate at a time critical for the MSG and regional and international partners to support the Noumea Accord process towards building a common destiny and full integration within the region. It is in this perspective that the events planned for 2013 (MSG Leaders Summit and MSG 25th Anniversary Celebrations) in addition to the 2nd MSG High Level/Ministerial Mission must take place.

The FLNKS looks forward with anticipation to the new dates proposed for the 2ndMSG High Level/Ministerial Mission to Kanaky-New Caledonia in the coming weeks.