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**GOVERNMENT OF THE
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His Excellency Ban Ki-moon
Secretary General
United Nations
NY 10017, New York

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Re: Vanuatu arrears to the United Nations and its Voting Eligibility

I write in regards to the above and would also like to acknowledge your letter dated 5 February, 2014 pertaining to the receipt of the Republic of Vanuatu's partial payment of its arrears to the amount of USD\$31,746.00

As you may understand, Vanuatu as a Least Developed Country has gone through some financial and economic challenges, however, has managed to make that first payment earlier this year 2014. Recently Vanuatu was faced with Cyclone Luci that affected most of the northern part of the archipelago and which saw the loss of lives on the island of Espiritu Santo. We are still undergoing assessment of these damages in the affected areas before seeking assistance abroad.

Given this recent disaster affecting Vanuatu, we are requesting the United Nations consider allowing ample time for Vanuatu to sort out its remaining balance, whilst at the same time allowing Vanuatu to vote in the coming resolutions and elections.

We understand that an amount of USD\$36,940.00 still remains and would appreciate that the UN recognizes our status and the latest difficulties and considers our request for Voting eligibility whilst we endeavor to settle the remaining amount by the end of this year.

I thank you for consideration and continued support and assistance to Vanuatu.

Yours Sincerely,

Hon. Edward N. Natapei
**Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and External Trade**



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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Vanuatu to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations Secretariat and has the honour to enclose herewith a copy of the note from the Hon. Edward N. Natapei, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs International Cooperation and External Trade of the Republic of Vanuatu to His Excellency Ban Ki-moon regarding Vanuatu arrears to the United Nations and its Voting eligibility.

The Permanent Mission has the honour to request Protocol and Liaison Service to forward this note to the Executive Office of the Secretary General of the U.N.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Vanuatu to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

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