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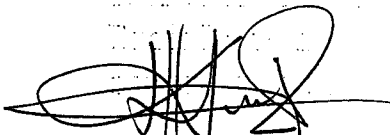
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The Parliament met at 2 p.m according to the Terms of Resolution of 24 June 2014.

The Speaker (**Mr Théo Zurenuoc**) took the Chair and read Prayers.

BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS – STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Members, I have to inform Parliament that the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings met today and resolved that:

- a) The *National Broadcasting Corporation* (NBC) will be allowed to broadcast live on Television and radio Questions without Notice for the duration of this meeting.
- b) *EMTV* will be allowed to film Questions without Notice for news purposes only, for the duration of this meeting.
- c) That *Wantok Radio Light* will be allowed to broadcast live the proceedings for the Parliament for this day only.

MOTION BY LEAVE

Mr JAMES MARAPE (Tari – Minister for Finance) – I ask leave of the Parliament to move a motion without notice.

Leave granted.

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS –
REARRANGEMENT OF BUSINESS**

Motion (by **Mr James Marape**) agreed to –

That so much of the *Standing Orders* be suspended as would prevent

1. Parliament from conducting its business this day in the following order.
 - a) Certain Members of Parliament to say Prayers and;
 - b) A pastor to read the Benediction
2. A Minister moving for the adjournment at any time during the hours of this meeting, this day.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND REPENTENCE

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable members, I will invite four members of this Parliament to lead us in Prayer; they are Honourable Loujaya Kouza, Member for Lae representing the people of Momase region, Honourable Ati Wobiro, Governor of Western Province, representing the people of Southern region, Honourable De Kewanu, Member for Mendi representing the people of the Highlands region and Honourable Dr Allan Marat, Member for Rabaul, representing the people of the New Guinea Islands region.

At the end of the prayers I will invite a member of the clergy to do the benediction. I now ask the Parliament to rise so we can begin our prayers.

Ms LOUJAYA KOUZA (Lae – Family Affairs, Religion and Community Development) – Heavenly Father, great God and creator of the universe and the earth in which we live. The God of Papua New Guinea thank you so much for this opportunity to be able to come together in prayer representing the people of the Momase region.

I thank you for our Governor of East Sepik, for bringing our country from its birth through your word, from 1975 through to this day. Thank you, so much for the leadership of the Governor of Madang, Honourable Jim Kas, the Governor of Morobe, Honourable Kelly Naru.

Adonai, thank you for the Governor for West Sepik and representing our people, your lordship, the honourable Majesty and we thank you for this day that we may be able to call

upon your name and put in remembrance to you, I put this honourable Members of this region in your hands.

02/01

We come to you Lord, with our leadership in Government, in the Opposition, in the Churches and the rank and files of our people as they stand as leaders within the Momase region. We come to you Lord, we thank and praise you. We give all glory and honour and we stand ready, Lord, to repent of our blindness, the iron sight and the foresight. The areas of our responsibility that we have not taken up, where we have failed, hallelujah. We repent and we speak the merits of the blood, Yesua, upon our people of the Momase region and what is in our land, oh Lord to render to you as an offering of our people to you, of our tribes to you, of our languages and of our tongue, oh Lord to you. We render and acknowledge what you have raised initially in 2007 through our former Prime Minister, who had made seven years ago, a covenant with you. Alleluia, that Covenant is right today on the seventh year.

Father, we repent where we have failed you and we have not delivered to you during the seven years and today is the day of stocktake. Alleluia. We come to you on behalf of the people of Momase.

Adonai, we come to you on behalf of the people of Morobe, forgive our sins and our wrong doings, think of the blood of Jesus Christ which was poured upon the people of Momase. Think of your goodness and forgive us for not following your ways and teachings. Think of our Covenant that we are trying to renew it today and forgive us. We say sorry for whatever wrongs we have done. We, the people of Momase want to change our lives, those of us who are here today, those who are not here, and those that are still in the wombs of their mothers and those who will come in the future. I thank you Lord for this day.

This prayer is not enough but you know our problems and worries in our hearts and our shortfalls. I bring all these together and pray to you through this sinful lips, a mother who is unfit to represent all the big leaders in the Momase region but thank you for this honour. We praise your holy name in Momase and we are prepared to receive correction and change. We are ready to receive your message through our leadership in our churches. For our women, children and leaders in this country, we bring Momase to you. We thank you for the installation of our Speaker in Parliament who represents Momase.

God Almighty, bless him with wisdom and understanding and increase upon all the leadership that is represented in this Ninth Parliament for the Momase region. We praise you

and we thank you and we submit, Lord, on this National Covenant Day or the National Repentance Day. Amen.

Mr ATI WOBIRO (Western Province) – On behalf of the Southern region, I pray that Lord God, we come to your Holy presence once again on behalf of the leaders of the Southern region. Dear Lord, that you will forgive me and wash me with the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. I plead that, Lord, you will see me through the salvation and the saving work of our Lord Jesus Christ that I may be acceptable in your presence to represent my people.

Father God Almighty, I commit to you the Governors and the Open Members and your people in the Northern Province to you, dear God, that you love them and it is for them that you send Jesus Christ to die a sinner's death on the Cross. Thank you, God, for your people and through their struggle and through their difficulties, may you be there in their times of joys and rejoicing on the mountains of joys, Lord be with them and in their suffering and hardships at the deepest of all valleys Lord, be with them also.

I thank you for their Pastors, Church workers and their people, I Pray Lord, that you will unite them in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. I also represent before your presence today the, Governors and the Members of the Milne Bay Province. Thank you, God, for these beautiful people. Thank you, God, for you working amongst these people. Thank you for their commitment and their love for you.

03/01

Father, Milne Bay Province is of one source of our strength in Christianity and I pray that you will continue to do your grace work among them.

Thank you, God, for the great opportunities and the windows of opportunities you are opening for this province and I pray God that you will continue to shower your blessings. For we know God that nothing is impossible with you, and, Lord, you will take your people as you have today into the new 'Promised Land' to claim what is rightly theirs.

Thank you, Lord, I pray and commit them into your hands. God, I pray for the Governor and the Members of the Central Province and their people. Father God, I pray for the many people that you have raised not just in the Government leadership but also in the churches and business sectors. God, I pray that you will continue to bless them so that they might bless this nation.

Father God, I thank you and pray, that you will also be near them when they are going through rough times so Lord be there with them. Give these leaders your own divine wisdom and knowledge so that as they lead this province to a place where you have destined for them.

Father God, I also pray and I stand in your presence on behalf of the National Capital District (NCD) Governor and his Members. God, I thank you for their love and trust in you and I thank you Father God, that they are your children and that you are their Father. Lord, in their leadership responsibilities as they continue to develop this city, I pray you will bless them with wisdom and knowledge and understanding and that you will pour your blessings upon them. God, I thank you that your people who come from all over the nation and who live here in the city will be blessed and through your blessings, they will know that they have a God in you.

Lord, I also stand before you on behalf of the people of the Gulf Province, the Governor and the Open Members. Lord, I also thank you that you also died for them on the Cross. I thank you for you have a wonderful plan for them; not a plan for evil but plans for blessing and goodness. Father God, I pray that during this term of Parliament, you will reveal this plan of hope and blessing for the people of the Gulf Province. We remember their difficulties and their problems and challenges and we bring them to your Holy Throne. God, I thank you for your great promise that when we bring our hardship to you, you will bless us and give us joy and hope. Lord, it is according to your invitation that I bring to you the people of the Gulf Province.

Lord, I also commit to you the Governor and the Members of the Western Province and their leaders and its people from all corners of the province. Lord, unto you, I thank you for their faithfulness to serve you even during difficult and hard times. Dear Lord, open the windows of Heaven and pour your blessings upon them. Discipline and show us Lord about how to live for you so that in our personal lives we will glorify you. God, I thank you for the gold, copper, gas and oil that you are bringing out. Lord and Father God, I pray that you will continue to bless Western Province so that we might share these blessings with the rest of our brothers and sisters throughout Papua New Guinea.

Lord God, I thank you for your faithfulness. We have seen your handiwork in many instances and, Lord, we know that you will continue to keep us close to your heart. So that, Lord, when we will feel your heart beat, we will know that we have a God and Father and that we are your children.

Thank you, God Almighty, that you are able and willing to listen to our prayers. I say these prayers in the strong name of Jesus our rock and redeemer. Amen.

Mr DE KAWANU (Mendi) – God of Abraham, God of Isaac and God of Jacob, hallelujah!

God, I am dumbfounded, hallelujah!

When I think about you, God, you are far too great. What you have done today, Lord, will go down in the history of our country and will go to the history of Heaven. Hallelujah!

04/01

We stand here as leaders of this country with our Prime Minister and Speaker and our Deputy Prime Minister and all the Ministers, as we stand here today, Halleluiaah, I see blessings, I see your presence and power hovering over this Parliament.

Halleluiaah, God, you get the glory, honour and praise, in adoration today. O, I am not worthy to stand in your presence today and in the presence of all the leaders and the country.

Father, at this time I pray and I commit the seven provinces of the Highlands to your hand. Oh, I thank you and I praise you that one from the Highlands is holding power in this country.

I pray and commit the Prime Minister, Honourable Peter O'Neill to your hand, Halleluiaah, it so happened that he is number seventh Prime Minister of the country. It is your number and your timing and I see God, you are immense and powerful and God, I see your power and timing in producing the leader who is now the CEO of the country.

Father, I commit him into your hand, lead him, surround him, give him wisdom, sanity, Father, I pray and uphold him and, Father, I commit his people of Ialibu-Pangia to you.

O God of Abraham and God of Isaac and God of Jacob, as we look upon you, I say thank you.

I pray for Southern Highlands, our Governor, William Powi, I commit him and the people of Southern Highlands to you. I pray for the people of Nipa-Kutubu, I pray for the people of Imbonggu, I pray and commit my people of Mendi into your hands, the people of Kagua-Erave to your hands, their leaders and the people.

O, Halleluiaah, as we stand hand in hand in unity today with our people, with our pastors, with our country, we the Southern Highlanders come before you with bended knees.

If there are any inequities we have committed we repent of them and kneel down before your throne of mercy for forgiveness.

As we stand together, Father, I pray and I thank you for this province from which you will bless this country. You have already blessed it with oil and gas and now we want to go through the country which you have said to be a place flowing with milk and honey, Father, blessing will come to this country, God, I pray and thank you for the resources of Southern Highlands.

O, Halleluia, Father, at this time I commit Hela Province, their Governor, Anderson Agiru and all the Members from that province, the Member for Koroba-Kopiago, Member for Tari-Pori, and Member for Komo-Magarima.

O, Lord I pray for them, I commit them to you, O, Lord, we thank you for the gas that will be extracted from that province, Father God to bless the country. The first load has been sent out.

O, Halleluia, everything will be realized when we turn 40. O, I thank you and I praise you Lord, I want to say thank you to you, in many parts of this country this place was written off 10 to 15 years ago saying that we are a failed State. People say that we are not going to make it, it is a malnourished State, it will not grow but at your own timing the blessing flowed.

Papua New Guinea will never be the same, our country will never be the same, the whole world knows that this country will bring blessing to the Pacific, Asia and the rest of the World. I thank you and I praise you, I want to say thank you to you, my thoughts and my knowledge have run out

O, thank you God of Abraham, God of Isaac and God of Jacob, as we realize these blessings I pray for blessing upon the leaders, give us knowledge and wisdom and understanding.

I commit the people of Southern Highlands and Hela to your hand. O, God, you will lead us in our decisions and you are already here.

O, I thank you God for this. Twenty six August will become a calendar for this Parliament. It has gone down in the history of this country, the history of the Commonwealth, the history of the world and the history of the record books of Heaven, I thank you and I praise you.

O, God, I pray and I put the people of Enga in your hands, I place the Governor Peter Ipatas in your hands, lead him in the right direction, give him wisdom, knowledge and understanding.

I thank you for the people of Enga, I commit all the Members, Member for Kandep, Member for Laiagam-Porgera, Member for Wapenamanda, Member for Wabag, O, God I pray and I commit them all into your hands.

05/01

I pray and commit Oil Search and ExxonMobil and all the other companies operating in Southern Highlands in your hands. Give them knowledge and understanding. As we are planning to turn the corner to face the world God you are always with us and we acknowledge you for that. O, God, I thank you for the people of Enga. Give them guidance and knowledge.

O, God, I thank you for the people of Western Highlands. I commit Governor Paias Wingti into your hands. I commit the Member for Tambul Nebilyer in your hands. I commit the Member for Dei in your hands. Oh God, I commit all the Members of Western Highlands in your hands. Oh God, I thank you for all these leaders. I believe that you will guide us and give us knowledge wisdom. I also commit our people of Western Highlands, I commit them in your hands.

O, God, I pray for the new Jiwaka Province. I pray for Honourable William Tongamp and his people. I also commit all the Members of the Jiwaka Province in your hands. This is a new province and Father I believe you have a future for them. I pray that you will bestow guidance, knowledge and wisdom upon them, oh hallelujah.

Father, I thank you for the people of Simbu Province. I also commit them in your hands. I also thank you for the Member for Kundiawa, Member for Kerowagi, Member for Sinasina-Yonggamugl, O, God, I pray and thank you for the Member for Chuave. I commit them all in your hands.

Father God, in Heaven, you can hear all our cries and I commit them all in your hands. I also pray and commit the people of Eastern Highlands. Governor Julie Soso and all the Members representing individual electorates in Eastern Highlands, I commit them in your hands. O, God, I thank you for all the respective electorates that I have mentioned. Father, I ask for forgiveness on behalf of all these electorates. We are sorry if we have done you wrong. I pray for all our people in the Highlands region, I commit the pastors in these seven

provinces as well. Lord, everything is done accordingly to your holy will. O, God, as we turn the corner, as we approach Jordon, the walls of Jericoh will break today and I feel the presence, the power and the touch and I thank Jesus for it.

As we go into the promised land where there is full of milk and honey in 2015 and beyond, you will direct and lead us because you are already here. Father, I thank you, for hearing our prayer today. I ask this prayer in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dr. ALLAN MARAT (Rabaul) – As leaders whom you have elected to represent your people on the Floor of this Parliament, we thank you, Holy Spirit, for your prompting that you have placed in the heart of the Speaker to make arrangements for this day.

We have celebrated this day of repentance and prayer. Father we come before you through the forgiveness of Jesus Christ and through the cleansing of our entire beings as leaders of this great nation. We stand before you sovereign God. We uplift the children, we uplift the mothers, the women, the men and the young people through the provinces of the New Guinea Islands Region.

We bring them before you sovereign God. We stand in the gap on their behalf and we plea with you sovereign God that if they have disobeyed you, we repent on their behalf. We pray oh sovereign God that you will forgive them. Forgive our children; forgive the mothers, the women, the fathers, the men, the young people of the New Guinea Islands Region.

In the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, in the New Ireland Province, in the Manus Province, in the West New Britain Province, and in the East New Britain Province, Sovereign God forgive them.

06/01

Father, as leaders representing your people on the Floor of Parliament, we also bring before you our councillors and our presidents in LLGs and our various administrations in the districts and the provinces of the Niugini Islands region.

We bring before you the leaders and members of the Niugini Islands region who are representing ourselves here on the Floor of this Parliament. We bring before you sovereign God our deputy prime minister and our ministers, and even our members of Parliament who are from the Niugini Islands region.

Father, if we, the leaders of the Niugini Islands region, have sinned against you and disobeyed you, sovereign God, we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, that you forgive us God and make us better vessels not only in this Parliament but generally in representing the best interest of your people in the Niugini Islands region.

Sovereign God, this is our prayer. You are the silent listener to every prayer in the heart of leaders on the Floor of this Parliament. We praise you and we thank you, your word is truth and your word will last forever. Heaven and Earth will pass away but your word will last away and if your word says in second Chronicles that if your people who are called by your name Sovereign God humble themselves and pray and seek you face and turn from our wicked ways then you will hear our prayer from Heaven you will forgive our sins and you will heal our land.

Father, we believe in your word, your word is alive and living and your word is worthy to be trusted and believed in. Father, we thank you and praise you and we also believe in your word in Mathew chapter 6, verse 33, where the Lord Jesus Christ said to seek first your kingdom and all your righteousness and everything else will be added unto us.

We believe your word and we claim it and take it that from today henceforth we will continue the leadership of this great nation Papua New Guinea and we will continue to think and mediate on your kingdom, sovereign God, and the rest and the richness will all come from you and you will continue to bless the rest and the richness they all come from you and you will continue to bless this nation with all your riches.

Thank you, Father, this is a humble prayer from us leaders from this great nation of yours. We offer them to you in no other name but the precious name of Jesus Christ, who is our Saviour Lord and soon coming King and all of us godly Leaders here in the Floor of Parliament say, Amen.

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Leaders, in accordance with the *Standing Order No. 34*, I will now invite Pastor Mosbi Tunge from the PNG Bible Church to conclude with the benediction.

Pastor MOSBI TUNGE – Thank you, Mr Speaker. Honourable Members, let us continue in Prayer.

Our gracious Father, creator of the universe and giver of life the one who was and who is and who will be forever and ever, hallowed be thy name and thy kingdom come, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Father we thank you this afternoon that we are able to call upon you our creator. God forgive us as we join our people across the country and Lord help us and forgive from the past wrongs that we have done but this is the new beginning. As the scripture says in *Psalms 114*, when the nation of Israel came out of Egypt, Jacob from a people of strange language, Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion. The sea looked and fled, the Jordan turned back; it was reversed because God took over the nation of Israel.

Today, we are people in need of a great God and I pray, Lord, that you will continue to bless our Leaders, the Speaker of the Parliament, the Prime Minister and the government ministers, leaders of every electorate that are represented in this Parliament and continue to give them wisdom and direction and, Lord, we believe that this is a new beginning and I believe that we are needy people in need of a great God and we are descendants of Adam.

07/01

Adam had his failures and he came out of Eden and so we need you this afternoon and we need you in this time and I pray O, God that what has happened today across the country will continue for the rest of this year. And in the years to come, we will continue to see blessings upon this nation.

God give us revival, O, God, visit this Parliament, visit our leaders O, God and visit our churches and our people and country.

O, God that we will glorify your name in our resources and all the things that you have done and all the things that you have blessed us with will be used for your glory and the Kingdoms sake and, Father, we thank you for everything and God we ask this prayer in Jesus Name. Amen.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (by **Mr James Marape**) agreed to –

That the Parliament do now adjourn.

The Parliament adjourned at 2.47 p.m..