

(Draft)

**Framework Agreement Between  
The Government of the People's Republic of China  
And the Government of Solomon Islands  
On Security Cooperation**

The Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of Solomon Islands (hereinafter referred to as "China", "Solomon Islands", and collectively "the Parties"), with the view of strengthening security cooperation, on the basis of mutual respect for sovereignty, equality and mutual benefit, and in compliance with domestic laws and regulations of the Parties and applicable international law,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

**Article 1 Scope of Cooperation**

Solomon Islands may, according to its own needs, request China to send police, armed police, military personnel and other law enforcement and armed forces to Solomon Islands to assist in maintaining social order, protecting people's lives and property, providing humanitarian assistance, carrying out disaster response, or providing assistance on other tasks agreed upon by the Parties; China may, according to its own needs and

with the consent of Solomon Islands, make ship visits to, carry out logistical replenishment in, and have stopover and transition in Solomon Islands, and the relevant forces of China can be used to protect the safety of Chinese personnel and major projects in Solomon Islands.

## **Article 2 Competent Authorities**

The competent authorities for implementing this Framework Agreement shall be:

(a) Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of National Defense, and Ministry of Public Security of the People's Republic of China;

(b) Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade, Ministry of Police, and National Security and Correctional Services of Solomon Islands.

A Party shall promptly notify the other of any change in its designation of competent authorities.

When necessary, the competent authorities may designate special departments to establish direct channels of communication.

## **Article 3 Submission of Request**

The request shall be formally submitted in writing by Solomon Islands and forward to China through diplomatic

channels. Should China have any question regarding the authenticity or contents of the request, it may seek solution through consultation by the Parties.

The request shall contain the following items:

1. A brief introduction on the internal security situation of Solomon Islands;
2. The number of police, armed police and military personnel expected from China;
3. Main duties of the security personnel to be sent by China;
4. Duration of the mission.

#### **Article 4 Assessment and Implementation of Request**

Upon receipt of the request, China will carefully assess the feasibility of the mission and respond officially through diplomatic channels as soon as possible.

If China agrees to perform the relevant mission, Solomon Islands shall provide all necessary facilities and assistance, including but not limited to the border entry of personnel and weaponry, intelligence and information support, logistical support, and legal status and judicial immunity of the relevant personnel. The relevant expenses shall be settled through friendly consultation by the Parties.

In light of the performance of the mission, the Parties may

shorten or extend as appropriate the duration of the mission by mutual written agreement reached through consultation.

The specific details on the performance of the mission, including jurisdiction, privilege and immunity, shall be negotiated separately by the competent authorities of the Parties.

#### **Article 5 Confidentiality**

Without the written consent of the other party, neither party shall disclose the cooperation information to a third party.

Unless otherwise agreed upon, cooperation information, including media briefings, shall be released upon mutual agreement by the Parties.

#### **Article 6 Settlement of Disputes**

Any disputes arising from the interpretation and implementation of the Framework Agreement shall be resolved by the Parties through consultation.

#### **Article 7 Entry into Force, Termination and Amendment**

The Framework Agreement shall come into force on the date of signing and remain valid for a period of five years. It will be automatically extended for successive periods of five years unless either of the Parties notifies, in written form, the other of the termination of the Framework Agreement at least

six months prior to the expiry date.

The Framework Agreement can be revised and supplemented upon written consensus through consultation, and the revised or added contents will take effect on the date agreed upon by the Parties, and form part of the Framework Agreement.

Done in duplicate in XXX on XXX in the Chinese and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of  
The People's Republic of China  
( Name and Title )

For the Government of  
Solomon Islands  
( Name and Title )

For the foreign affairs authority :

For the public security authority :

For the defense authority :