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All Development Partners,
SIG Line Ministries,

Dear All,

Subject: Mission (Country Visits) embargo notice

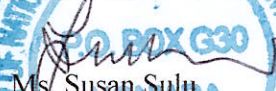
The Ministry of National Planning and Development Coordination (MNPDC) on behalf of the Solomon Islands Government (SIG) would like to issue an important reminder on missions' (country visits) reference from *Annex D: Missions Guidelines* in the Solomon Islands Aid Management & Development Cooperation Policy and Partnership Framework for Effective Development Cooperation policy document.

SIG places an embargo on country visits during the time that coincides with the finalization of the Annual National Budget 2024 (a crucial time for Government). During the mission-free period development partners should avoid scheduling of country visits that would engage SIG officials in programming discussions, policy dialogue, or analytical work unless such visits are directly related and are crucial to budget preparation.

Observing this mission embargo period is between **15 September** to **15 November** as it will be a critical step in ensuring that development partner country visit planning is fully aligned with SIG's budget cycle. Exception will be granted in the events of natural disasters and emergencies and on a case by case basis for missions related to programmes and projects.

The Ministry would like to thank you for your understanding and consideration of this measure and would always like to encourage and maintain our partnership and closer cooperation in the country.

Sincerely,


Ms. Susan Sulu
Permanent Secretary

Ministry of National Planning and Development Coordination

