

Kororia Hareruia Kia Ihoa o nga Mano, Matua, Tama, Wairua Tapu me nga  
Anahera Pono me te Mangai hei tautoko mai, aia nei, ake nei, .....Ae

# AOTEAROA - VANUATU

## Treaty of Friendship

BETWEEN THE CONFEDERATION OF SOVEREIGN  
CHIEFS, OF THE UNITED TRIBES OF AOTEAROA (NZ)

AND

THE SOVEREIGNS OF VANUATU

1996

TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE  
CONFEDERATION OF SOVEREIGN CHIEFS, OF THE  
UNITED TRIBES OF AOTEAROA (NZ)

AND

THE SOVEREIGNS OF VANUATU

Preamble

The Confederation of Sovereign Chiefs of the United Tribes of Aotearoa (NZ) and the Sovereigns of Vanuatu, being assembled at Vanuatu on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 1996,

Hereby affirm that their relations, as Sovereigns and equal states, are founded upon respect for fundamental human rights and the Laws of God in all their relations in dealing with each other, including other Nations of the World.

Recognising that friendship, respect, and a mutual endeavour to obtain for their peoples fuller opportunities for spiritual, social, economic and international progress have established a special intimate relationship between them,

And desiring to maintain and strengthen the bonds of amity and goodwill which have hitherto existed between them and to provide for continued cooperation,

Have agreed as follows;

ARTICLE I

Relations between Aotearoa (NZ) and Vanuatu shall continue to be governed by a spirit of close friendship.

## ARTICLE II

Where appropriate the two Sovereigns shall consult each other on matters of mutual interest and concern.

## ARTICLE III

Each Sovereign shall ensure that citizens of the other living within its territory are, in accordance with the normal practice between friendly states, given equitable treatment and full legal protection and access to the Courts.

## ARTICLE IV

The two Sovereigns shall continue to work together to promote the welfare of their peoples. In particular the Sovereigns will consider sympathetic requests from each other for technical, administrative and other assistance.

## ARTICLE V

The Sovereigns shall, for as long as the Sovereigns wish, and in such manner as will in no way impair the right of each Sovereign respectively, formulate their own foreign policies, afford assistance to each other, in the conduct of their international relations. In particular the Sovereigns will where appropriate and permissible;

- (a) act as the channel for communications between each other and international organisations;
- (b) undertake the representation of each other, at any international conference, at which each Sovereign is entitled to be represented;



- (c) supply each other with information concerning international affairs;
- (d) undertake and grant diplomatic protection of each others diplomats and perform consular functions on their behalf, when requested;
- (e) Undertake to protect each others States, from all attempts upon their Independence.

#### ARTICLE VI

This Friendship Treaty, maybe amended at any time upon written agreement of both Sovereigns.

Either Sovereign may at any time give to the other Sovereign written notice of its desire to terminate this Agreement. In such case, this Agreement shall terminate upon the expiration of three months from the date on which the notice is received.

#### ARTICLE VII

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the representatives of the Sovereign Chiefs of Aotearoa (NZ), and the representatives of the Sovereigns of Vanuatu, duly authorised for the purpose, have signed this Agreement.

Signed in the presence of God, at Vanuatu on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 1996 in two originals, both in a common language to both Sovereign Nations, being the English Language.

Each of the below Sovereigns signatures, witness each other respectively.

For the Sovereigns of Aotearoa:

For the Sovereigns of Vanuatu :

*Mohi Wiremu Manukau*  
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MOHI WIREMU Manukau

*[Signature]*  
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CHIEF BOEL MARIASUA (PRESIDENT)

*[Signature]*  
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AMATO RANIERA AKARANA

*[Signature]*  
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CHIEF TOM NUMAKE

*[Signature]*  
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TE WIREMU MATAIA

*[Signature]*  
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CHIEF CELEA SER

*[Signature]*  
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REECE TEPENE KAU-HOU

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CHIEF MANTOI KALSAKALI

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RAWIRI TOOKE

*[Signature]*  
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CHIEF ANDREW PAKDA

*[Signature]*  
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ERIKI MANUKAU

*[Signature]*  
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CHIEF GODDEN NUMBO

*[Signature]*  
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HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT  
JEAN MARIE LOYE

*[Signature]*  
.....  
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER (WITNESS)  
HON. DONALD KALPOKAS

