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## Special Police Commissioners' Conference (PCC)

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### PRESS RELEASE

The Melanesian Spearhead Group Special Police Commissioners' Conference (PCC) was officially opened on Monday 20 June by the PCC Chairman, Brigadier General Ioane Naivalurua. The purpose of the Special Police Commissioners' Conference was to further deliberate on police cooperation and security issues that continue to affect the region of Melanesia. The Special PCC discussed key recommendations from the Combined Regional Workshops on Regional Police Academy (RPA), MSG Formed Police Unit (FPU) and Police Cooperation held in Honiara on the 17 June 2011. PCC Chairman Brigadier General Naivalurua, Commissioner of Police of the Fiji Police Force welcomed participants from Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Fiji to the one-day meeting held at the Mendana Hotel in Honiara, Solomon Islands.

The Chairman of the Special Police Commissioners' Conference said participants are being tasked to implement the Leaders' decisions made at the 18<sup>th</sup> Leaders Summit in Suva, Fiji on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 and advance some key issues affecting police cooperation and security facing the region today.

“Commissioners, the Agreement establishing the Melanesian Spearhead Group clearly highlights Melanesia as a region within the Pacific to be a region of solidarity and cooperation in accordance with shared national interest with an objective to strengthen wider institutions of regional security and international cooperation,” Mr. Naivalurua said.

He called on member countries to take up this important responsibility and continue to maintain the solidarity that will help the region to achieve important issues of security at hand.

“I seek your cooperation in ensuring that we thoroughly address these issues in a timely manner as our decisions and recommendations will contribute towards strengthening both

regional and national security and police capabilities and provide clear focus on the way forward,” Mr Naivalurua said.

The Chairman of the Special PCC said recommendations from the meeting will be presented to the MSG Senior Officials Meeting scheduled to be held in August 2011.

The meeting was hosted by the Government of Solomon Islands and facilitated by the Melanesian Spearhead Group through the Political Affairs Division.

Authorized by Director General