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STATEMENT BY SECRETARY CLINTON

Papua New Guinea Independence Day

On behalf of President Obama and the people of the United States, I am delighted to send best wishes to the people of Papua New Guinea as you celebrate your 36th Independence Day this September 16.

The United States and Papua New Guinea share a strong history of partnership rooted in our commitment to democratic values and traditions. This partnership continues to strengthen today as we work together to promote open and transparent government, mitigate the impact of global climate change, combat the spread of infectious disease, and advance the status of women.

As you mark your independence and celebrate this special day, know that the United States joins you in the spirit of friendship and cooperation. Congratulations and best wishes for peace and prosperity in the years to come.

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