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**Letter dated 31 October 2001 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 22 October 2001 (S/2001/988) concerning the request of the Government of Papua New Guinea for assistance from the United Nations in the implementation of the Bougainville Peace Agreement, especially in the area of weapons collection and disposal, has been brought to the attention of the members of the Council. They welcome your intention to respond positively to the request of the Government of Papua New Guinea, which is also supported by the Bougainville parties, taking note of the financial implications of the expanded functions of the United Nations Political Office in Bougainville (Papua New Guinea).

*(Signed)* Richard **Ryan**  
President of the Security Council

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