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Note No.101/2021

The Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Solomon Islands presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade of Solomon Islands and has the honor to inform the following:

In the context of enhancing safety and security of the Chinese Embassy in Solomon Islands, in accordance with international norms and practice, the government of the People's Republic of China has decided to send a plainclothes security team (10 personnel) with necessary light weapons and equipment to the Chinese Embassy in Solomon Islands. The team will be responsible for internal security and necessary escort missions outside of the Chinese Embassy. All security personnel will hold diplomatic passports with official status as Attache of the Chinese Mission.

Considering the current security situation in Solomon Islands, and the strong bilateral relations between China and Solomon Islands, as well as the pressing security concerns of the Chinese Embassy, it would be highly appreciated if the government of Solomon Islands could facilitate to grant permission to the entry of the above-mentioned team with necessary light weapons and equipment. The list of light weapons and equipment carried by the team is attached herewith. This security team is an internal arrangement only for the Chinese Embassy. The deployment of the security team will not be made public by the Chinese side. An early response of your esteemed Ministry will be highly appreciated.

The Embassy of the People's Republic of China avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External

Trade of Solomon Islands the assurances of its highest consideration.

Honiara, 30th December, 2021



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Cc. Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
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MEMORANDUM

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Short term deployment of 10 armed Chinese Embassy Security Personnel to the PRC Embassy

The Ministry received a diplomatic note from the Embassy of China requesting deployment of 10 armed security personnel from China to provide security within the Embassy and escort duties for a six to twelve months period. A copy of the TPN referenced 101/2021 dated 3 December 2021 was copied to your Ministry and PMO.

The request stemmed from the recent three days of from 24-26 November riots of which Solomon Islands Chinese community faced the brunt of the looting and violence amongst other business houses.

My Ministry during the period could not guarantee the safety of the Embassy and staff. As host country we had an obligation to protect all Embassies including Chinese Embassy. In this regard, we have no objection to the request.

Sadly this sets a precedent but China is a special case noting public debate was and remains directed against China's interests in the country from certain quarters of our country's population.

The deployment is for a period of 6-12 months. During the deployment period China has offered riot equipment including the following

- Bullet proof vests 1500

- Bullet proof armor plate 1500
- Riot Helmets 1500
- Riot shield 1500
- Stab proof vest 1500
- Electric batons 1500
- Glare lights 1500
- Tear gas spray 1500
- First aid kit 1500
- Raincoats
- Uniforms 3000

There is a matter of small arms proposed to be brought into the country, I will leave that to your Ministry to consider. Wish to propose a joint Cabinet paper on the subject.

Chinese Embassy is looking at bringing RSIPF riot items on the return flight on the third week of December after dropping of Chinese passengers impacted by last month's riots.



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Permanent Secretary

- cc: STC/PMO, Honiara
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Weapon And Equipment List (1)

CATEGORY	SN	NAME DESIGNATION	UNIT	QUANTITY
Weapon and ammunition	1	9mm Pistol	piece	10
	2	5.8mm rifle		10
	3	Machine gun		2
	4	7.62mm Sniper Rifle		1
	5	9mm pistol bullet		600
	6	5.8mm rifle bullet		3000
	7	7.62mm sniper rifle bullet		80
Signal equipment	8	Ultra-short wave handheld radio	piece	20
	9	VHF vehicle station	piece	5
	10	Ultra-short wave transmission station	piece	2
	11	headset	piece	20
	12	high gain antenna	piece	2
	13	Public network intercom	piece	1
	14	Satellite phone	piece	1
Reconnaissance equipment	15	PAP investigation box	set	1
Police equipment	16	Tactical lights	piece	10
	17	Bulletproof shield in both hands	piece	2
	18	Single hand bulletproof shield	piece	2
	19	Internal penetration bulletproof vest	piece	10
	20	bulletproof briefcase	piece	1
	21	Portable scene lighting	piece	1
	22	Bright search lights	piece	2
	23	handcuff	piece	2
	24	holster	set	20
	25	Infrared thermal camera	piece	1
	26	observation instrument	piece	1
	27	Climbing rope group	set	1
	28	rope throwing device	piece	1
	29	forcible entry tool set	set	1
	30	dagger	piece	10
	31	stop nail	set	1
	32	electric baton	piece	10
33	vehicle inspection mirror	piece	1	
34	baton	piece	10	
35	shooting glasses	piece	10	
36	automatic floodlight	piece	1	

Weapon And Equipment List (2)

CATEGORY	SN	NAME DESIGNATION	UNIT	QUANTITY
Engineering equipment	37	explosion-proof blanket	piece	1
	38	explosive detector	piece	1
	39	X-ray detector	piece	1
	40	Metal detector	piece	1
	41	Frequency interferometer	piece	1
	42	EOD tool set	set	1
	43	mine detector	piece	1
	44	Metal detector	piece	10
	45	L.I. night vision system	set	6
	46	Electronic listening device	piece	1
	47	Nonlinear node	piece	1
Chemical protection equipment	48	anti-gas mask	piece	10
	49	anti-gas suit	set	10
	50	Detector	piece	2
	51	anti-gas glove	piece	10
	52	anti-gas boot	piece	10
	53	positive pressure respirator	piece	2
	54	ray indicator	piece	1
	55	personal dosimeter	piece	2
	56	Radiometer	piece	1
Anti riot and anti-terrorist equipment	57	individual soldier package	Set	10
Logistics equipment	58	intelligent gun cabinet	piece	2
TOTAL	58 items in 8 categories			