ELECTION PLATFORM/CONSTITUTION

“Hugag ‘esea, Haihanisiga ma fe’eni tae la ut‘akia is famor Rotuma se rere”

This Platform provides the Policy Foundation from which I intend to work with the Rotuman Community in my aspiration to be elected as Rotuma’ s Parliamentary Representative in Fiji’s forthcoming General Elections.

I consider it my next calling and look forward to serving our people. I intend to contest the Election as an Independent Candidate who would be Responsive, and Representative, Accountable and Accessible, Efficient and Effective in trying to meet our peoples’ hopes and aspirations.

Responsive and Representative
I reaffirm my commitment to be truly Responsive and Representative by regularly consulting widely with the Chiefs and people.

Accountable and Accessible
I strongly believe that the National Government must be both Accountable and Accessible to Parliament and the Electorate at all times.

Efficient and Effective
I also believe that Government’s objectives and goals are best achieved if its services are delivered in the most Efficient, Transparent and Effective manner possible.

Sovereignty and The Constitution
As Rotumans, our sovereign rights as members of the Indigenous community are guaranteed in the Compact of our Constitution. In this regard we should appreciate and cherish with pride the old adage of ‘Viti Kei Rotuma’. I believe that the Constitution must be understood but more importantly, respected by all if we as a nation are to continue to meet the increasingly complex Economic, Environmental, Political and Social Needs and Aspirations of our people.

Core Values and Principles
I believe that if we are to progress and prosper as a Nation, then we as a people must ensure that Government legislation and strictly adhere to a Code of Conduct for our leaders. I will demand and expect the highest standards of Integrity, Transparency, Openness and Accountability in all decision making.

I contend that the Family is the fundamental group unit of society and that its Economic Security is of paramount importance. The truest measure of a good society is the care it provides for those most in need and the opportunity it provides them. I believe that all people are created Equal in their entitlement to Dignity and Respect, and should have an equal chance for every person to realise his or her full potential I believe that we must be Compassionate and be Committed in Reaching Out, Embracing, Protecting and Supporting those who are in need and less fortunate in our community.

Human Rights
I am fully committed to a just and tolerant society which fully supports and protects the Rights and Freedoms of all. This includes the fundamental political and civil rights of everyone to Freedom of Conscience, Expression and Association, and to due process of law. I strongly believe that Rights must be accompanied by Responsibilities to behave Honestly, Humanely and Fairly.

Priorities
To fully realise each individual’s potential, I am committed to providing the best opportunity for our people in: Improving their living standards and quality of life; Gaining access to Employment, Education, Housing, Health and Welfare Services.

Service Delivery
I believe that there is a need for a continuous improvement in the efficiency and effectiveness of Government Service Delivery. In this regard, I am committed to improving the Shipping and Air Services to our home island of Rotuma.

Access and Equity
I reaffirm my commitment to the principles of participatory decision making and a selective process which should be based on Merit as I believe that Women are often discriminated against and are significantly under-represented at senior and middle management levels in both the public and private sector.

Environmental Sustainability
I also believe that the protection of the Environment is a key value. In this regard I am committed to bringing regulatory, economic and educational tools to help Government prioritise sustainable water and land management, recognising the importance of land and water conservation in enhancing biodiversity, human health and economic prosperity.

Constitutional Reform
I am committed to engaging the Government of the day to ensure that the interests of our community and our special and unique status as an Indigenous ethnic group are protected at all times. In this regard I am equally committed to ensure that all amendments to the existing statutes (Rotuma Act, Rotuma Land Act etc) are done following wide consultations, but more importantly changes are effected with the full endorsement of the Chiefs and the people.

Hugag ‘esea ho’um Hairot’akiga
Hugag ‘esea ho’um Hufakte’akiga
Hugag ‘esea ho’um Hui’ufaiiga
Hugag ‘esea ho’um Hai’uleleiga, ka ‘ati se
Hugag ‘esea ia ho’um Haihanisiga
**CURRICULUM VITAE**

**Date of Birth**: 26 December 1947  
**Marital Status**: Married to Sarote Konrote  
**Children**: Lisa Rita Francis  
  Emmanuel Jioji Konrote  
  Andrew Elaise Konrote

**Educational Record and Qualifications**

**Primary**: Draiba Fijian Sch, Suva, Motusa Primary Sch. Rotuma  
**Secondary**: Malia’a Secondary Sch, Rotuma, Natabua High Sch. Lautoka.

**Military Training/Education**

- New Zealand Army - Administration & Tactical Sch. WAIOURU  
  Graduate, Australian Army Officer Cadet School, PORTSEA, 1972
- Graduate, Australian Army Command & Staff College, QUEENSLIFF, 1982, psc
- Graduate, Australian College of Defence and Strategic Studies, CANBERRA 1996 (Fellow)
- Graduate, Programme for Senior Executives in National and International Security, John F Kennedy School of Government, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, 2000

**Awards/Decorations**

- Fiji Independence Medal 1970  
- UNIFIL Peace Medal 1978  
- Military Cross (UK) 1982  
- Meritorious Service Decoration 1987  
- Brother of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem(UK) 1995
- Officer of the Order of Fiji (Military Division) 1997  
- Order of Merit (Italy) November 1997  
- Order of Cedar (Lebanon) October 1999

**Senior Military and Civil Appointments**

- **March 1986 - April 1987 Commanding Officer 1st Battalion Fiji Infantry Regiment, UNIFIL**  
- April 1988 - April 1990 **Chief of Staff, RFMF**  
- April 1990- April 1991 **Deputy Force Commander UNIFIL**  
- April 1991-September 1997 **Deputy Commander/Chief of Staff, RFMF**

- **October 1997-October 1999 United Nations Assistant Secretary General, Force Commander, UNIFIL**  
- **February 2000-March 2002 Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs and Immigration**

**Record of Service.**

Major General Jioji Konousi Konrote enlisted into the Royal Fiji Military Forces (RFMF), in May 1966. He was seconded to the New Zealand Armed Forces in 1970 to 1971 and served with 1 Ranger Squadron, NZ Special Air Service (NZSAS). In 1972 he graduated as a Second Lieutenant into the Fiji Infantry Regiment from the Australian Army Officer Cadet School, PORTSEA. As a Lieutenant he was seconded to the British Army Far East Land Forces and served as a Platoon Commander with the 1st Battalion Royal Hampshire Regiment and as a Staff Officer in Headquarters 51 Infantry Brigade in Hong Kong from 1974 to 1975.

**Summary – Personal Qualities and Achievements**

Major General Jioji Konousi Konrote is one of Fiji’s most outstanding and decorated military officers. He has been recognised by his superiors as an excellent Regimental and Staff Officer and highly regarded by those he has served with. He has been particularly noted for his courage, strong sense of morality, forethought, professionalism, flexibility and adaptability. His outstanding qualities have been shown by the calibre of his judgement under trying and difficult circumstances. Major General Konrote was highly respected by both the Lebanese and Israelis for his wide experience with UNIFIL, but more so for his fair but firm stance in resolving very difficult situations which frequently arose between the different warring factions. His active involvement and assistance to the 1996 Peace Monitoring Group was greatly appreciated by the United States of America, French, Syrian and Lebanese delegates alike. In appreciation for his efforts in Commanding UNIFIL, which was one of the biggest and perhaps the most difficult United Nations Peacekeeping Operation Worldwide, Major General Jioji Konousi Konrote was awarded the Order of the Cedar and the Order of Merit by the Lebanese and Italian Governments, respectively.

Major General Konrote has had a very long, dedicated and distinguished career in serving Fiji as a Military Officer/ Commander, an International Peacekeeper as a United Nations Assistant Secretary General and Force Commander UNIFIL, a Senior Civil Servant as a Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs and Immigration and as a Diplomat, High Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Australia and The Republic of Singapore.

Major General Konrote’s 41 years of service for his country and its people is a paragon of loyalty, courage and devotion to duty in his performance as a Military Commander, honesty and dedication as a Senior Civil Servant and tact and perseverance as a Diplomat.