Introduction

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HIS EXCELLENCY, AMBASSADOR ROBERT GUBA AISI
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1. Introduction:

I feel very happy to formally welcome, introduce and present to you His Excellency, Ambassador Robert Guba Aisi, Permanent Representative of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations representing our keynote speaker Sir Arnold K. Amet, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Papua New Guinea.

2. Education:

Ambassador Aisi obtained his law degree in 1980 from the University Papua New Guinea. The following year he was admitted to practice to the practice of law in both the National and Supreme Courts of Papua New Guinea. He obtained a Diplome from the prestigious L’Institute d’Administration Publique, Paris, France in 1990 and interned in the Office of the Mayor of Bordeaux and at the Executive and Legal Branch of UNESCO, Paris.

3. Career

He has had a rewarding academic, administrative and professional career. He lectured at the post-graduate legal training institute of Papua New Guinea for many years. From 1986 to 1990, he was Principal Legal Officer to the regional authorities in Port Moresby. From 1990 – 1992 he was the Principal Legal Officer and Deputy Commission Secretary to Papua New Guinea’s Electricity Commission. He was an Honorary Consul of Papua New Guinea to South Africa, President of the Business Council of Papua New
Guinea and a member of the Australia-Papua New Guinea Business Council. He is the current Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations in New York, a position he has occupied from June 25, 2002 when he presented his credentials to the Secretary General. In 2004, he was elected the Chairman of the United Nation’s Special Committee on decolonization and has served as the Chairman of the Pacific Islands Ambassador’s Group at the United Nations.

4. Award

Ambassador Aisi is a proud holder of the National Order of the League of Honor of France.

5. Conclusion

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, I now have the pleasant honor and exceptional privilege to present to you our keynote speaker, His Excellency, Ambassador Robert Guba Aisi.

Please join me to usher him to the lectern to deliver the keynote address.

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