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Ladies and Gentleman

I thank you for your interest in participating in this important dialogue focusing on market protection from internal and external threats.

BUSINESS SECURITY DIALOGUE

Heightened acts of crime have dramatically impacted our market to perform positively it stops our employees to catching on buses safely to work, farmers to harvest their products and worse severely impacts the quality of life of our people. As was mentioned in the President's breakfast remarks, the Jan 10 riots, the violence in Enga, and the general escalation of lawlessness in the country is a wake up call to invest our time and energy to find solutions arresting this development negator.

I am thankful that in our quest to find solutions, thought leaders, experienced practitioners and leading analysts in Papua New Guineas security landscape, are with us today. Your insights will immensely contribute in navigating and finding the questions and confident answers to build a safer market.

To Parker and Sean, dialing in from Washington and Brisbane thank you for taking the time to join us to the rest of the presenters thank you as well for giving us your time.

CONCLUSION

I'd like to conclude by emphasizing the central challenge in law and order: the productivity of every Papua New Guinean. It is my hope and prayer that our discussions today will inspire policies that protect our land, people, and values.

This will enable the private sector to do what it does best: create jobs, invest heavily, and develop lifelong skills, turning our people into nation-building assets.

Thank you