

PRESS STATEMENT

Justice Minister Meets with EU Ambassador to Strengthen Partnership

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Minister for Justice and Attorney General, Hon. Pila Niningi, accompanied by the Secretary for the Department of Justice and Attorney General (DJAG), Dr. Eric Kwa, today met with the European Union (EU) Ambassador, Her Excellency Erika Hasznos, to discuss strengthening the EU–Law and Justice Sector partnership going forward.

Minister Niningi expressed his appreciation to the EU, stating that it has been a long-standing and reliable international development donor partner supporting key Law and Justice Sector programs. He welcomed Ambassador Hasznos and reaffirmed his commitment to continue working closely with the EU to strengthen justice services across the country.

Secretary Dr. Eric Kwa highlighted key Law and Justice Sector programs that have been supported and funded by the EU over the years.

“We have a team of EU consultants who assisted the Department in developing the Human Rights Strategy, which the Minister successfully presented to Cabinet and has since been approved this year 2025. The EU consultants have also assisted DJAG to develop the Human Rights Policy in the country,” Dr. Kwa stated.

He further acknowledged the EU’s support in major sector priorities, including combating corruption, protecting ocean governance, supporting initiatives to address violence against women and girls, and tackling Sorcery Accusation–Related Violence (SARV).

Dr. Kwa stated that one of the EU’s major contributions was a K110 million grant provided in 2021 to support the Police, the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), and DJAG for the good governance initiatives.

“In 2019, the EU made a massive investment in the Spotlight Initiative on Violence Against Women and Girls.”

“The EU has also funded and supported the development of the Electronic Transactions Act in the country,” he said.

Meanwhile, Ambassador Hasznos reaffirmed the EU’s commitment to maintaining and strengthening its partnership with the Law and Justice Sector.

“It is a great pleasure for me to be here and to work with you all. The EU is committed to continuing this partnership, supporting and working with the leaders to create meaningful change in Papua New Guinea,” she said.

She added that supporting the Law and Justice sector is important not only because of the EU's commitment to justice and human rights, but also because a strong justice system gives confidence to investors and companies looking to invest in Papua New Guinea.

“It is important that we continue working together to strengthen the Law and Justice Sector across the country,” Ambassador Hasznos said.



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