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Makira/Ulawa Convention reviews 2011 Draft Federal Constitution

Makira/Ulawa Provincial Convention is in its second week of deliberating on the 2011 Draft Federal Constitution with 45 participants from the Provincial Government, six (6) former Premiers of the province; village chief representatives; women representatives; the church and business communities representatives, attending the Convention.

Makira/Ulawa Constitutional Congress team members Mr. Daniel Ho'ota (team leader), Mr. Jack Faga, Ms. Clera Rebitai and Sir Nathaniel Waena (EPAC member) worked together with the Provincial Government of Makira/Ulawa province prior to these two weeks, to arrange the event which resulted to a very well organized and orderly Convention.

The Convention commenced on Monday 16 April 2012 at the Court House in Kirakira, where the delegates were given copies of the 2011 Draft to thoroughly study and identify chapters, clauses and sub-clauses in the draft to put into resolutions for amendment after debates and conclusive discussions on each resolution.

Resolutions were debated on the second week starting from the Preamble right through to the Schedules of the 2011 Draft. A number of resolutions that were brought before the Convention included clauses on the political structure and system of the Executive arm of Government; the ten reserved seats for women; composition and representation in Federal Parliament; State Government system; traditional justices; and a proposition to constitutionalize an Institution that will handle the economic affairs of Solomon Islands, only to name a few.

The Convention will conclude on Friday 27 April 2012, and Makira/Ulawa's Congress team will complete a report on the resolutions passed by the Convention, to present to the Congress and Eminent Persons Advisory Council (EPAC) 3rd Joint Plenary session on the 2011 Draft Federal Constitution after the Provincial/HCC Conventions have been completed.

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