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MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION FOR THE SUCCESSFUL RESCUE OF OUR MEDICAL TEAM

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On behalf of the Ministry of Health and Human Services, I take this opportunity in joining the Office of the President and the Office of the Vice-President and Minister of Justice in expressing deep appreciation to everyone whose efforts, generosity, thoughts, and prayers allowed for the successful rescue of Dr. Sylvia Wally, Nurses Ruth Naruo and Minda Benjamin, and Mr. Abraham Tatingal. I especially thank all agencies, companies, and individuals involved in the search and rescue for their hard work and dedication. I also wish to extend our sincere gratitude to all family members of the medical team and Mr. Tatingal for their patience, kindness, and courage over the past several days.

And while we are relieved of the successful outcome of this critical event, in the coming weeks we will be conducting a thorough review of all relevant protocols and the details surrounding this incident and shall implement necessary changes to ensure that such incidents are prevented in the future.

In the meantime, let us provide our medical team the time they need to be with their families and for all of us to celebrate their safe return. Kom kmal mesulang ea Rubak el Dios lomekngeltengat er kid el rokui.

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