



EXAMPLE ORGANIC PLEDGES

Pledge – Example

I (Name of farmer and Group/Village as per the attached farmer' list) promise that:

I will follow the rules of my PGS group.

I have a copy of the Summary Organic Standards and I have read these standards and understand them.

I will follow these standards for the production of my crops and management of my production land and crops.

I will welcome and participate in all 'peer reviews' of my organic land and peer reviews of other group members.

I will report to our group leader (OR??) any actions by ourselves or the actions of others in our group that violate the standards.

I understand that if I do not follow the standards I will be punished and possibly expelled from the group.

I promise to supply the (?) processing plant as per Supply Contract (if applicable)

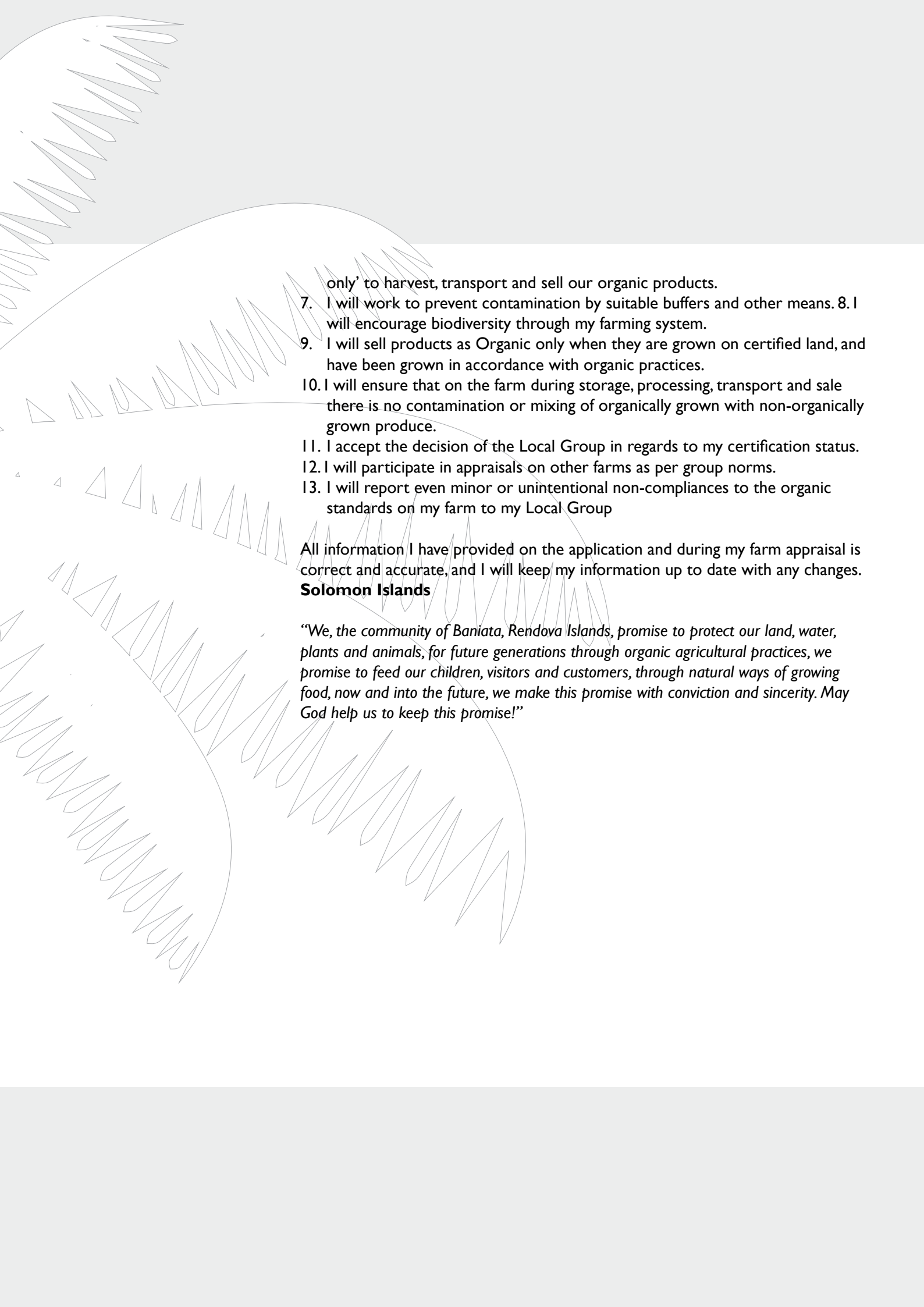
Date agreed and signed:

- Name and Signature of farmer
- Signature of Group leader (on-behalf of group):
- Attached list of farmers in group
- Photo of farmers making the pledge OR
- Every farmer in group signs a copy of pledge

Pledge _____

I PROMISE THAT IN MY FARMING I WILL follow the organic standards to serve soil health, the environment my family and community.

1. I will not use synthetic pesticides such as insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, fertilizers, chemically treated or genetically modified seeds.
2. I will work with our fellow farmers and attend meetings to expand and share my knowledge of the standards and organic production techniques.
3. I will check with the Local Group before using any product that I am unsure of.
4. I will work to build the soil through ecologically sustainable farming practices such as crop rotations, composting, cover crops and green manures.
5. I will care for my livestock in ways that ensures their well-being.
6. I will only use bags and containers that are clean and clearly labeled 'organic'



only' to harvest, transport and sell our organic products.

7. I will work to prevent contamination by suitable buffers and other means.
8. I will encourage biodiversity through my farming system.
9. I will sell products as Organic only when they are grown on certified land, and have been grown in accordance with organic practices.
10. I will ensure that on the farm during storage, processing, transport and sale there is no contamination or mixing of organically grown with non-organically grown produce.
11. I accept the decision of the Local Group in regards to my certification status.
12. I will participate in appraisals on other farms as per group norms.
13. I will report even minor or unintentional non-compliances to the organic standards on my farm to my Local Group

All information I have provided on the application and during my farm appraisal is correct and accurate, and I will keep my information up to date with any changes.

Solomon Islands

“We, the community of Baniata, Rendova Islands, promise to protect our land, water, plants and animals, for future generations through organic agricultural practices, we promise to feed our children, visitors and customers, through natural ways of growing food, now and into the future, we make this promise with conviction and sincerity. May God help us to keep this promise!”