



## JOHN FRUM AND NAGRIAMEL MOVEMENTS



*Blong respect long kastom, traditions, land and peace wetem ol man  
Pour le respect de la coutume, des traditions, de la terre et la paix entre les peuples  
For respect of custom, traditions, land and peace within people*

**PRESS RELEASE**  
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*President of the People's movements Nagriamel and John Frum, Paramount Chief Te Moli Venaos Mol Saken Goiset has today issued a statement of recognition to the People of Abkhazia which was followed by formal establishment of diplomatic relations between the Republic of Vanuatu and the Government of Abkhazia.*

*Paramount Chief Te Moli Venaos said: "It is a historic moment for our Peoples to recognise eachother; this is a first step to commencement of cultural exchanges and friendly relations, my people are eager to learn more about Abkhazian culture, especially customary traditions of the the people of Abkhazia, our movements stand to respect and recognise customary traditions, peace within people and their right to land. Nagriamel was the first customary movement in 1972-1973 to be recognised by the United Nations; Nagriamel represented the interests of Ni-Vanuatu people in the then New Hebrides, the leaders of Nagriamel were at the foundation and signatories to the the Vanuatu Constitution. Nagriamel and John Frum Movements call for peaceful dialogue in resolving the territorial dispute which must restore the peace and harmony in the region."*

*La Presidente  
Santo  
Te Moli Venaos  
Mol Saken Goiset,  
Tanna  
Nanumien Swerenao,  
Ambae  
Nwatari Huri,  
Efate  
Leitmat Manvey*