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To: Permanent Secretaries and Heads of Departments

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Subject: **Prohibition of Drinking Yaqona In Government Workplaces**

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1.0 The abuse and excessive drinking of yaqona in government offices and in the work premises is of increasing concern. This trend is bringing unnecessary negative impression on the Civil Service.

1.1 It is unprofessional

1.2 It adversely affects service delivery

1.3 It is inconsistent with the Public Service Values and the Public Service Code of Conduct.

2.0 The common abuse of yaqona drinking is also denigrating its proper place in the indigenous customs and tradition. Continued abuse of such rites is eroding its ceremonial value and the protocols and decorum of the yaqona ceremony.

3.0 Government employees are strictly prohibited from drinking yaqona during office hours including on government premises.

4.0 Permanent Secretaries and Heads of Departments are instructed to monitor full compliance of this instruction.

This Circular supersedes any prior instruction / policies issued on this subject.

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