

**SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY**

**FOURTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY**

(Koror, Palau, 18 November 2005)

**SUMMARY RECORD OF DECISIONS**

**AGENDA ITEM 2 - REPORT OF THE 35<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF CRGA**

**2.1 – CHAIRPERSON’S LETTER**

Conference:

- a) commended the Chair of CRGA 35 for his report and CRGA 35 for their excellent work;
- b) considered the report and noted the decisions of CRGA 34;
- c) considered the report of CRGA 35 and approved the recommendations put forth to Conference by CRGA 35, with the exception of those recommendations considered separately in the agenda of Conference (regarding approval of the Fiscal Year 2006 budget, the results of the SPC corporate review, and the appointment of the new Director-General.

**2.2 - FINANCIAL YEAR 2006 BUDGET**

Conference adopted the Fiscal Year 2006 budget, as presented by the Director-General and recommended by CRGA 35.

### **AGENDA ITEM 3 - SPC CORPORATE REVIEW**

Conference gave its in-principle approval to the draft Corporate Review and its recommendations, noting that the review team will take on board comments made by CRGA 35, and the views of members, and that the team will visit American Samoa and Tuvalu prior to finalising the review report. Conference noted that report will guide the Secretariat's future directions, and will provide guidance to the new Director General and the executive team as they embark upon the preparation of the organisation's new Corporate Plan.

### **AGENDA ITEM 4 - REGIONAL POLICIES AND INTER-AGENCY COOPERATION**

Conference noted and commended the Secretariat for the work SPC is doing in collaboration with other CROP agencies on the following regional policies and initiatives:

- a) Technical and Vocational Education and Training;
- b) the Millennium Development Goals;
- c) Pacific Islands Regional Policy;
- d) the 2005 International Health Regulations;
- e) the threat of an influenza pandemic, especially from avian influenza;
- f) the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control;
- g) National Alcohol Plans;
- h) regional collaboration on agriculture and forestry;
- i) the Digital Strategy; and
- j) the Pacific Plan to strengthen Regional Cooperation and Integration.

Conference endorsed:

- a) the HIV/AIDS Pacific Regional Strategy Implementation Plan (2004-2008), highlighting the need to cover all PICTs, and to strengthen national implementation performance;
- b) the Pacific Health Fund, noting that it needs to be linked to a broader health strategy for the region; and
- c) the Secretariat's initiative to both rationalise and expand information and statistical services, including trade statistics.

Conference agreed:

- a) with respect to deep sea bottom trawling and high seas seamounts, that SPC should work with FFA (Forum Fisheries Agency) and other partners to develop an appropriate management framework regime for consideration by members;
- b) with respect to tuna fisheries:
  - (i) on the urgency of conducting a tuna tagging study to help verify current status of tuna stocks, and welcomed New Zealand Government's offer to support the tagging programme, in conjunction with support provided by Papua New Guinea; and
  - (ii) that SPC and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) take up the concerns of members regarding possible juvenile tuna fishing in the far west of the Western Central Pacific Ocean, through the post-Forum dialogue process; and
- c) with respect to the Hughes report, that non-Forum members of SPC need to be included in the taskforce set up by the Pacific Plan Task Force to further analyse the Hughes report, and welcomed the agreement from PIFS that SPC non-Forum members be included in the task force.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5 - THEMATIC DISCUSSION**

Conference adopted the Koror Statement on Youth Empowerment for a Secure, Prosperous and Sustainable Future.

[The Statement is distributed as a separate document and will be attached to the final report

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6 – APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

Conference, after consideration of the recommendation of CRGA 35, appointed Dr. Jimmie Rodgers to post of Director-General.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7 – THE YEAR 2007 CONFERENCE**

Conference accepted the offer by Samoa to host the Fifth Meeting of the Conference of the Pacific Community in Apia, Samoa.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 8 – OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **AGENDA ITEM 9 – STATEMENTS BY OBSERVERS**

The Conference heard statements by WHO, The Republic of Korea and Taiwan/ROC. The statements handed to the Secretariat are attached to the Conference report;