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PACIFIC COMMUNITY 70TH ANNIVERSARY DECLARATION

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We, the representatives of the governments and administrations of the Pacific Community (SPC) member countries and territories, convening in Noumea on 27 July 2017, following the discussions at the Tenth Conference of the Pacific Community:

A dynamic organisation

- i. Salute the pathway that SPC has been following for more than 70 years towards greater inclusiveness and regionalism by opening its membership in 1983 to the entire Pacific region, including the non-sovereign territories;
- ii. Recognise the significant contribution made to the region through SPC by secretariat staff, development partners, countries and territories and their leaders over the past seven decades;
- iii. Express our full support for SPC's modernisation and transformation process, which requires consolidating our existing relations and fostering new partnerships;

Towards innovative partnerships

- iv. Acknowledge that, in line with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) no. 17 calling to 'Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership', the SDGs cannot be achieved without the involvement of all stakeholders, including governments, businesses, civil society, the academic and research community, peoples and communities;
- v. Acknowledge that innovative partnerships for sustainable development share certain common traits, in particular effectiveness, a modern approach, accountability, transparency, equity, balanced participation, a focus on the general interest and creativity;
- vi. Acknowledge that innovative partnerships contribute to the establishment of more inclusive and more sustainable societies, contribute to the well-being of peoples by facilitating access to basic services, in an environmentally sound manner, and constitute a means for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- vii. Affirm our commitment to increase the number of innovative partnerships serving the Pacific so as to address the challenges of the future, achieve the SDGs, and ensure greater sustainability, peace and prosperity;

- viii. Support the innovative partnerships led by or involving SPC, in particular:
- a. The technical cooperation agreement between SPC and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA);
 - b. The multi-stakeholder development of the *Pacific Hub for Learning and Innovation*;
 - c. The creation within SPC of a *Pacific Centre for Ocean Science*;
 - d. The creation of a visionary and proactive *Pacific Futures Partnership*; and
 - e. The creation of a *Pacific Resilience Fund*; and
- ix. Affirm our commitment to SPC sharing this aspiration for the development of a new regional partnership paradigm, inspiring all of the Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific (CROP) organisations, and convincing our international and regional partners of the soundness of this process.
