

SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY

THE 3RD MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY
(Suva, Fiji, 10-11 November 2003)

MEMBERS' ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS

(Paper presented by the Secretariat)

INTRODUCTION

1. The Secretariat's review of the formula for assessed contributions has been submitted as CRGA(33) Paper 4 for discussion by members. The recommendations of CRGA, following its examination of issues related to members' assessed contributions including the funding formula and the trend of contribution arrears, will be presented for Conference's consideration.
2. Members may recall that at the 1997 Conference, it was decided that there shall be a review every three years of the formula used to determine members' assessed contributions. The next review is due in 2003.
3. The outcome of the Secretariat's review of the formula reinforces the current policy of using a simple and transparent measure to determine how much each country or territory contributes in membership dues to the organisation.

RECOMMENDATION

4. The Conference is invited to discuss the policy and financial implications of members' assessed contributions, and consider CRGA's recommendations accordingly.

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