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10.2 Leader's Pacific Plan (AS34/10.2)

216. The Director introduced the paper and updated Council on the Secretariat's involvement with the development of the Pacific Plan.

217. To an enquiry as to why Secretariat involvement with the development of the Pacific Plan had been less than originally envisaged it would be, Council heard assurances from New Zealand that the Secretariat had fully met Council's instructions for active engagement.

218. At further concerns expressed by members that regionalism being espoused in the Pacific Plan might encroach on matters which countries preferred to deal with individually, the Chair clarified that the Pacific Plan was only a framework for enhancing regional cooperation and not a replacement for national sovereignty.

219. Council noted the Secretariat's involvement with the development of the Pacific Plan and agreed with New Zealand's recommendation for the Secretariat to remain appropriately engaged.