



4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SOPAC Council Committee of the Whole (SCW)  
on the Regional Institutional Framework

SOPAC Secretariat, Suva, Fiji

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AGENDA ITEM	TITLE
5	CONSIDERATION OF FORUM COMMUNIQUE ON THE RIF
5.0	Para. 20 of Communiqué 2008

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Below is the text from the Forum Leaders' Communiqué on the RIF.

#### REGIONAL INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK REVIEW

##### 20. Leaders:

- (a) recalled their 2007 decision on the rationalisation of SOPAC functions into SPC and SPREP, without any substantive diminution in SOPAC functions, and the merger of South Pacific Board for Educational Assessment (SPBEA) with SPC;
- (b) expected that all work to define the new institutional arrangements, as well as plans for implementing those arrangements, will be finalised and jointly agreed by the CEOs of the relevant agencies for presentation to Leaders at the 2009 Leaders' meeting; and
- (c) directed their representatives on the Governing Councils of the SPC, SOPAC, SPREP and SPBEA in 2009 (and prior to the Leaders' meeting) to take all the final decisions on the new institutional arrangements and implementation plans, with implementation to commence immediately after the Governing Council meetings and no later than 1 January 2010.