

SOPAC
GOVERNING COUNCIL
29th ANNUAL SESSION
(Tarawa, Kiribati 26th September– 4th October, 2000)

Agenda Item	10	:	ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION
Title	10.4	:	SOPAC/SPC Integration

Purpose of Paper

To update Council on the progress of the SOPAC/SPC planning sequence for integration.

Comments

SOPAC Council agreed as follows at its 28th Annual Session (para 324 of Summary Record of 28th Session):

“Council therefore agreed to examine the concept of integration of the two regional organisations. SPC and SOPAC, and should the SPC CRGA also agree in their December meeting, that the following action be taken: (i) In the first quarter of 2000, the Secretariats of the Pacific Community and SOPAC jointly manage a consultancy to examine the options for SPC-SOPAC integration. (ii) The consultant’s report be considered by both governing bodies in the second half of 2000.”

SPC-CRGA subsequently agreed likewise.

The consultant’s report was prepared in the first half of 2000 and circulated to members for consideration in late July (copy of circular 15/00 attached).

Following receipt of comments by the end of August a final report is expected from the consultants by early September.

This final report will be available for consideration by Council under this agenda item, and will be distributed to capitals if time permits.

Recommendation

That Council give full consideration to the final report from the consultants noting that it will also be considered by the SPC-CRGA meeting later in the year.