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1. Lipoti o le Fono Lona Tolusefulu ma le Valu a Taitai o Malo o le Pasefika

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le Lipoti o le Fono Lona Tolusefulu ma le Valu a Taitai o Malo o le Pasefika, na usua i Nukualofa, Tonga, mai le aso 15 – 18 Oketopa, 2007.

O mataupu taua na lauluga i lenei Fono e aofia ai le tulaga ma'ale'ale o loo i ai le atunuu o Fiti ma ua faaiugafonoina e Taitai o le Pasefika i le maliega ma lea atunuu le faatinoga o le faigapalota a Fiti i le kuata muamua o le tausaga 2009. O loo taua foi i le Lipoti le faaiugafonoina e le Fono le faatino i se taimi vave o ni talanoaga ma taitai o le Malo o Solomona faatatau i le tautua a le RAMSI i lea Mālō ma faamanino ai nisi o mataupu e lē o fialia ai le Mālō o Solomona. O loo ta'ua foi i le Lipoti e lua nisi o mataupu na tuuina atu e Samoa mo le iloiloga a le Fono e aofia ai le fesoasoani o Taitai i taumafaiga o loo faatino e Iuni Lakapi o le Pasefika e i ai Samoa, Toga, ma Fiti ina ia tatala mai e Iuni tetele o Niu Sila, Ausetalia ma Aferika avanoa mo 'au a le Pasefika i taamilosaga o le Supa 14 atoa ai ma le faaavanoa mai o tama taaalo ina ia filifilia mo 'au a atunuu o le Pasefika pe a le manaomia i 'au a Iuni Lakapi tetele. E le gata i lea na faaalua foi e Samoa lona popolega i le tula'i mai o ni faigavaega i totonu o le Fono Aoa ma oo ai ina fevaevae'i ma ua faaiugafonoina nei e Taitai ina ia tagai le Failautusi o le Fono Aoa i ni auala e faatino ai galuega a le Fono e taofia ai le ono tulai mai o ni faigavaega.

O le usugafono a Samoa i lea Fono taua na taita'ia e le Afioga i le Palemia, Susuga Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, faatasi ai ma le Minisita Lagolago o le Matagaluega a le Palemia ma le Kapeneta, Afioga Tuiloma Pule Lameko, Pule Sili o le Matagaluega a le Palemia ma le Kapeneta, Afioga Auseugaefa Vaasatia Poloma Komiti, atoa ai ma le Pule Sili o le Matagaluega o Vaifafo ma Fefaatauaiga, Afioga Aiono Mose Sua.

Report on the 38th Pacific Islands Forum

Cabinet has approved the Report on the 38th Pacific Islands Forum, that took place in Nukualofa, Tonga, from the 15 – 18 October, 2007.

Among the important issues addressed at this Meeting include Fiji's current political situation and leaders of the Forum have agreed that Fiji should be able to hold its General Elections in the first quarter of the year 2009. As well, the Forum leaders have agreed that urgent consultations should be pursued through the Forum Ministerial Standing Committee with the Government of Solomon Islands to seek clarification of their concerns with respect to the specific recommendations of the RAMSI Taskforce. Also stated in the Report, the leaders have considered Samoa's initiatives presented by the Hon. Prime Minister, Susuga Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, which includes Support for Rugby and Sports Generally as well as Fragmentation and Fractionalisation of the Forum. The leaders have agreed to provide assistance to Pacific Islands' Rugby Unions through finding mutually acceptable arrangements to allow Pacific Island teams or a combined Pacific team to compete in the Southern Hemisphere premier Super 14 competition and to lift the current restrictions which stop rugby players of Pacific Islands origin who are not selected or needed by Australia and New Zealand from being eligible to be selected instead to play for their island team of origin. On the subject of Fragmentation of the Forum Membership, the leaders have agreed that the Forum's Secretary General should look at definitive ways that reduce further fragmentation and the risk of fractionalisation.

The Hon. Prime Minister, Susuga Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, led Samoa's delegation, which included the Associate Minister for the Ministry of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Afioga Tuiloma Pule Lameko, the CEO, Ministry of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Auseugaefa Vaasatia Poloma Komiti, as well as the CEO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Aiono Mose Sua.

2. Fono Faalea'oa'oga mo Auaunaga Faia mo Alalafaga i Tua.

Na faamaonia e le Kapeneta le auai atu o le Pule Sili o le Matagaluega o Fesootaiga, Faamatalaga ma Fesootaiga Vavave Faaneionapo, Afioga Tua'imalo Asamu Ah Sam, i le Fono Faalea'oa'oga mo Auaunaga Faia mo Alalafaga i Tua a le Faletupe o Atiina A'e o Asia, sa usuia i Port Vila, Vanuatu, mai le aso 24 – 25 Oketopa, 2007.

O lenei Fono sa mataituina ai auala ma faiga aupito sili ona lelei o loo faaaogaina e isi atunuu o le lalolagi mo le tuuina atu o auaunaga tau fesootaiga ma le faatinoga o faaiuga sa'o ma talafeagai. E taua tele lenei aoaoga i le faatinoga o galuega fai a Faalapotopotoga a le Malo o loo tuuina atu auaunaga tau i le eletise, suavai, fela'ua'iga aemaise lava i fesootaiga ina ia mafai e i latou o loo alala i nofoaga i tua ona o'atu i ai nei auaunaga.

Delivering Community Service Obligations Workshop

Cabinet had approved the attendance of the CEO, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Tuaimalo Asamu Ah Sam, to participate in the Asian Development Bank's Workshop on delivering community service

obligations in the Pacific, that took place in Port Vila, Vanuatu, from the 24 – 25 October, 2007.

The 2-day workshop focused on best practices for commercializing community service obligations (CSOs) which provided participants with the opportunity to study and learn from international best practices in delivering CSOs. Additionally, the workshop is a better opportunity for Samoa's power, water, transport and telecommunication sectors to address key principles of evaluating, circulating and determining the most efficient mechanisms to instigate community service obligations.

3. Fono a le PACP

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le auai atu o le usugafono a Samoa i Fono a le PACP e usuia i Brussels, mai le aso 29 Oketopa – 15 Novema, 2007.

O ia fono o le a soalaupuleina ai mataupu tau feutagaiga o EPA a le ACP o loo manaomia ona toe faamautuina. E le gata i lea, o le a talanoaina foi se faafanua o se ala o le a savalia e le ACP i le faamae'aina o feutagaiga ma sainiga o EPA.

O le usugafono a Samoa e aofia ai le Afioga i le Minisita Lagolago o le Matagaluega o Alamanuia, Pisinisi ma Leipa, Susuga Joe Keil, Pule Lagolago o le Matagaluega o Vaifafo ma Fefaatauaiga, Afioga Auelua Samuelu Enari, atoa ai ma le Ofisa Sinia o le Matagaluega o Vaifafo ma Fefaatauaiga, Susuga Nella Tavita Levy.

PACP Meetings in Brussels

Cabinet has approved the travel of Samoa's delegation to attend a series of PACP Meetings scheduled to take place in Brussels, Belgium, from the 29 October – 15 November, 2007.

The Meetings will address trade matters in relation to Economic Partnership Agreements of PACP countries. As well, the Meetings will discuss a pathway that the PACP should take for the completion of trade negotiations and the signing of EPAs.

Samoa's Hon. Associate Minister of Labour, Commerce and Industry, Susuga Joe Keil, will lead Samoa's delegation which includes the Assistant CEO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Auelua Samuelu Enari, and Senior Trade Officer, Nella Tavita Levy.

4. \$15,000 tala mo le Kalapu Lakapi a Malisi

Na faamaonia e le Kapeneta le tuuina atu o le fesoasoani tupe \$15,000 tala mo le Kalapu Lakapi a Malisi mo tapenaga a lana Au Lakapi mo le Taamilosaga Lakapi

Taitoasefulu a Cobra i le aso 27- 28 Oketopa atoa ai ma le Taamilosaga Lakapi Taitoasefulu a Borneo e faataunuaina i Kuala Lumpur, i le aso 3 – 4 Novema, 2007.

E lua tausaga soso'o o avea le Au Lakapi Taitoasefulu a Malisi ma siamupani o le Taamilosaga Taitoasefulu i Cobra (2004 – 2005).

\$15,000 for Marist Sports Club

Cabinet had approved financial assistance of \$15,000 tala for the Marist Sports Club to assist the Marist Ten's Rugby Team in its preparations for the upcoming Cobra and Borneo Sevens, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from the 27 – 28 October and 3 – 4 November, 2007.

The Marist Ten's Team won the Cobra Sevens in two consecutive years, 2004 – 2005.

5. Lipoti o le Tauaofiaga Lona 36 a le Fono Aoao a le Faalapotopotoga o Vaalele Sivili a le Lalolagi.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le Lipoti o le Tauaofiaga Lona 36 a le Fono Aoao a le Faalapotopotoga o Vaalele Sivili a le Lalolagi, na usua i Montreal, Kanata, mai le aso 18 – 28 Setema, 2007.

O lea Fono tele na soalaupuleina ai mataupu tau i tulaga o vaalele sivili ma piitaga lautele i galuega tau vaalele sivili o loo aiaia e le Faalapotopotoga o loo Pulea Vaalele Sivili i le Lalolagi. Sa tuliloaina e le folasaga a Samoa le tausisia o puipuiga malu e atunuu laiti e pei o le Pasefika Saute ona o ia aiaiga taugata ua laugatasia uma ai atunuu o le lalolagi ma sa lagolagoina e le tele o atunuu.

O le Afioga i le Minisita Galuega, Fela'ua'iga ma Atiina A'e Tetele, Afioga Tuisugaletaua Sofara Aveau, na taitaia le usugafono a Samoa na aofia ai le Afioga i le Minisita Lagolago o Galuega, Fela'ua'iga ma Atiina A'e Eseese, Afioga Aiono Tile Gafa, Ofisa Sili o Pulega o le Matagaluega o Galuega, Felauaiga ma Atiina A'e Eseese, Afioga Vaelua Nofo Vaelua, Pule Sili o Pulega o Malae Vaalele, Afioga Pouniu George Hazelman, atoa ai ma le Pule Sili Lagolago o le Vaega o Vaalele Sivili, Matagaluega o Galuega, Afioga Magele Hoe Viali.

Report on the 36th Session of the Assembly of the UN International Civil Aviation Organisation.

Cabinet has approved the Report on the 36th Session of the Assembly of the UN International Civil Aviation Organisation, that took place in Montreal, Canada, from the 18 – 28 September, 2007.

Matters of importance that were discussed at this Meeting include : global approach to safety and security guided by the International Civil Aviation Organisation as well civil aviation issues affecting the member countries. Samoa's presentation received wide support given its focus on the implementation of Annex 17 mandated by the Standards and Recommended Practices which does not differentiate between the levels of threat associated with Small Island States of the Pacific and which continues to hamper fragile economies such as Samoa.

The Hon. Minister of Works, Afioga Tuisugaletaua Sofara Aveau, led Samoa's delegation which included the Hon. Associate Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, Aiono Tile Gafa, CEO, Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, Vaaelua Nofo Vaaelua, CEO, Airport Authority, Pouniu George Hazelman, and the Assistant CEO, Civil Aviation Division, Ministry of Works, Magele Hoe Viali.

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