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**Press Release**

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### **Fono a Minisita o Fefaatauaiga a le ACP Pasefika, Nadi, Fiti 20-23 Oketopa 2008.**

Ua finagalo le Kapeneta e auai atu le afioga i le Sui Palemia i le Fono a Minisita o Fefaatauaiga a le ACP Pasefika o le a faia i Fiti i le aso 20-23 o Oketopa 2008.

O lenei fono sa faapea e auai atu i ai le Afioga ia Joe Keil ina ia tuuina atu ai lana lipoti e tusa ai o fesootaiga a le Pasefika ma le EU i mataupu tau EPA (Economic Partnership Agreement) e pei ona avea ai o ia ma sui o le Pasefika aoao i fetuunaiga ma le EU.

O lenei Fono o le a tuuina aloaia atu ai se talosaga a le Malo o Samoa ina ia tofia se isi sui e faaauuina lenei fetuunaiga e tālia ai le toe taliu mai o le Afioga Joe Keil. O lenei Fono o le a toe talanoaina ai le alualu i luma o fuafuaga a Malo o le Pasefika mo le faafaigofieina o auala o Fefaatauaiga. O le a talanoaina ai foi le tulaga ua oo i ai le Feagaiga o le EPA lea o loo feutagai ai nei ma le EU.

E faamoemoe o le po o le Aso Toona'i o le a tuua ai e le Afioga Misa Telefoni le atunuu mo lea fono.

### **Pacific ACP Trade Ministers meet in Nadi, Fiji: 20-23 October 2008.**

Cabinet has approved the attendance by the Hon. Deputy Prime Minister, Misa Telefoni of the Pacific ACP Trade Ministers meeting to be held in Nadi, Fiji on the 20-23 October 2008.

Hon. Misa Telefoni will go on behalf of Hon. Joe Keil seeing that he is unable to attend this meeting. Hon. Joe Keil was supposed to present his report on EPA Issues as he is the representative for the whole Pacific Region in the European Union.

The main focus of the meeting will be on liberalization of Trade in the Region. This meeting will also look at an overview and update on the conduct of the EPA negotiations with the EU. Samoa will also put forward a request to the Pacific ACP Trade Ministers meeting, to select a representative for the Pacific Region to represent the Region in negotiating with the European Union.

Hon. Misa Telefoni will leave the country on Saturday night for Nadi, Fiji.

**Fonotaga lona Fa: Feagaiga Faavaomalo o le Rotterdam; Roma, Italia 27-31 Oketopa 2008.**

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le auai atu o sui o le Malo o Samoa i le Fono o le a faia i Roma; Italia i le aso 27-31 Oketopa 2008.

O lenei Fono e faatatau lea i le faasoaina o faamatalaga ma auala e puipuia ai le lautele mai i aafiaga o le faaogaina o Vailaau Oona i aso faisoo. O mataupu o lenei Fono o le a faavae lea i luga o aiaiga o le Feagaiga Faavaomalo o le Rotterdam lea na sainia i le 1998. O lenei Feagaiga e faatatau i Fefaatauaiga o Vailaau Oona.

O sui o Samoa ua faamoemoe e auai atu i lenei Fono, o le Afioga i le Alii Minisita o Punaoa Faanatura ma Siosiomaga, Faumuina Tiatia Liuga, Minisita Lagolago, Fonotoe Pierre Lauofo, Pule Sili, Tuuu Ieti Taulealo; ma le tama'ita'i Ofisa Sinia Fuatino Matatumua-Leota.

**Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention: Rome: Italy 27-31 October 2008.**

Cabinet has approved of Samoa's participation in the Fourth Meeting of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention held in Rome on the 27-31 October 2008.

The main purpose of the meeting is for the participants to share views and look at ways to properly manage chemicals to reduce substantial damage to human health and the environment. Issues discussed in the meeting will be based on the conditions made under the Rotterdam Convention which was signed in 1998. The Rotterdam Convention is a Treaty on Trade in Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides.

Samoa will be represented by Hon. Minister of Natural Resources and Environment Faumuina Tiatia Liuga, Associate Minister Fonotoe Pierre Lauofo, Chief Executive Officer Tuuu Ieti Taulealo and Senior Officer, Fuatino Matatumua-Leota.

**Aoaga mo Atina'e Faatoaga mo Taitai Talavou o le Pasefika i Iapani: 27 Oketopa – 13 Novema 2008.**

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le auai atu o le Alii o Mu Vaamainuu ma le tamaitai o Alice Papalii o le Matagaluega o Faatoaga ma Faigafaiva i le aoaga mo Taitai Talavou o le a faia i Iapani i le aso 27 Oketopa – 13 Nvema 2008.

O lenei Polokalame ua faia e le Malo o Iapani e fesoasoani ai i taitai talavou o atunuu taitasi o le Pasefika i le atiina a'e ma le faalauteleina o le tomai i tulaga tau faatoaga. O le a aoaina ai foi sui auai i ni auala e faaoga ai metotia faa-tekonolosi e pei ona faaogaina i totonu o Iapani.

O le auai atu o sui o Samoa i lenei aoaoga o le a aoga tele i le atina'e o itu tau Faatoaga ma le auaunaga a le Matagaluega i le mamalu o le Atunuu.

**Training Programme for Young Leaders on Agriculture (Rural Development): 27 October – 13 November 2008.**

Cabinet has approved the attendance by Mu Vaaimanu and Alice Papalii of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of the Training Program for Young Leaders of the Pacific on Agricultural Development scheduled for 27 October – 13 November 2008.

The Training Program, funded by JICA is an initiative by the Government of Japan to help youths from around the Pacific, to expand knowledge on Agricultural Development. This training will also allow the Pacific participants to experience the use of technologies used in Japan in developing the agricultural sector.

Samoa's participation in this training will better provide our representatives an opportunity to further develop their skill in this area.

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