



Pacific Islands Law Officers' Network Annual Meeting
Outcomes Report
5 – 6 November 2013, Tonga

The Chair, the Solicitor-General of Tonga, Aminiasi Kefu, convened the 32nd Pacific Islands Law Officers' Network (PILON) annual meeting from 5-6 November 2013, with the theme *"Domesticating International Law: Challenges and Best Practices"*.

PILON member countries represented at the meeting included Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Vanuatu. Apologies were received from the Federated States of Micronesia, Niue, Pitcairn Islands, Palau and Tuvalu.

The following observer members also attended: the Commonwealth Secretariat; Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat; Pacific Legal Information Institute (PaLII); Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program (SPREP); the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA); International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC); University of the South Pacific (USP) and Secretariat of the Pacific Community's Regional Rights Resource Team (RRRT). Representatives from the Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APGML), the South Pacific Lawyers' Association (SPLA), the New Zealand Parliamentary Counsel Office, New Zealand Police Pacific Prevention of Domestic Violence Programme (PPDVP), Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police (PICP) Secretariat, the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), Regional Office of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Oceania Customs Organisation (OCO) Secretariat observed the meeting.

This report summarises the outcomes of discussions at the meeting. It is the official record of meeting resolutions and a summary of key discussions. Documents relating to the meeting are available on PILON's website at www.pilonsec.org or otherwise from the Secretariat.

The meeting commenced with the handover of the PILON Chair, and was followed by a formal opening ceremony.

A. Outgoing PILON Chair's address

Dr Lawrence Kalinoe, Secretary of the Papua New Guinea Department of Justice and Attorney General, commenced the meeting with an official address to PILON members on behalf of PNG, as the outgoing Chair. Dr Kalinoe started by thanking the Government of Tonga and the Attorney General's Office for the warm welcome and outstanding hospitality which had been shown to delegates since their arrival.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, the outgoing Chair thanked Members for their support of PILON. The outgoing Chair commented that it was gratifying to see a strong turnout at the 32nd Annual Meeting, expressing a particular welcome to those delegates attending their first PILON Meeting. The outgoing Chair highlighted that it had been a busy year for PILON and another important year for the development of the network.

The outgoing Chair thanked Ms Tracey White, outgoing Coordinator; and welcomed the incoming Coordinator, Ms Kerry Kwan and new Assistant Coordinator, Ms Kelerayani Gavid. Thanks were also expressed to staff of the PNG Department of Justice and Attorney General for support in carrying out duties required as Chair.

B. Incoming PILON Chair's address

Mr Aminiasi Kefu, Solicitor General, Attorney General's Office of Tonga as Chair, provided an opening address to PILON Members and welcomed delegates to Nuku'alofa, Tonga. Mr Kefu acknowledged the contribution of Dr Kalinoe in chairing PILON for the preceding year, and the guidance he provided to the Executive Committee and the Secretariat.

The Chair acknowledged the work of Ms Tracey White and incoming support provided by Ms Kerry Kwan and Ms Kelerayani Gavid towards the organisation of the 32nd Annual Meeting. Ms Kwan and Ms Gavid were formally welcomed on behalf of PILON.

The Chair highlighted the reporting back in relation to the PILON Strategic Plan which would occur as part of the agenda, after the Plan's first year in operation. The Chair invited delegates to discuss and share information in relation to the priority areas over the course of meeting proceedings, and also referred delegates to the important discussion of future funding for the PILON Secretariat to take place on Day 2 of the meeting. The Chair expressed thanks to the Australian Attorney-General's Department and the Samoan Office of the Attorney General for their ongoing support of the PILON Secretariat.

On a personal note, the Chair expressed his great pleasure at seeing the meeting delegates attired in their PILON uniform. Mr Kefu explained that one reason for providing a dress uniform for the meeting was to symbolise that delegates are 'one family' united also in experience.

C. Opening Ceremony

A formal Opening Ceremony programme was conducted, with the Honourable Mr Samiu Kuita Vaipulu, Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Infrastructure in attendance as the Guest of Honour.

The Minister of Justice, Mr Clive Edwards, was also in attendance, together with other representatives of the government and diplomatic corp.

An opening address and formal welcome was provided by the Acting Prime Minister. Mr Vaipulu welcomed member country delegates and representatives of regional and international organisations who support PILON member countries, and thanked them for their efforts in travelling to Tonga. Mr Vaipulu discussed Tonga's previous hosting of the Annual Meeting and representation as part of PILON, acknowledging the continued service in law of many of Tonga's previous representatives. Mr Vaipulu discussed the theme of the meeting, and its recognition that the Pacific region is no longer socially or economically isolated and can no longer allow important decisions in the international arena to be made only by other larger countries. Mr Vaipulu emphasised that the participation of Pacific countries as independent states in the international community is crucial. Mr Vaipulu encouraged delegates to take every opportunity over the following two days to share and discuss experiences.

Mr Neil Adsett, Attorney General of Tonga, provided a vote of thanks to the Acting Prime Minister.

The opening prayer and benediction was provided by Reverend Dr. Siotame Havea. The programme also included musical items provided by the Tupou High School Choir.

D. Session One: Thematic Session - Keynote Address

The Deputy Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (Strategic Partnership and Coordination Program), Mr Feleti Teo, provided the keynote address to PILON members.

Mr Teo discussed the importance of international law in underpinning Pacific countries' economic, development and security objectives, and provided an overview of the way that Pacific countries have contributed to the development of international treaties, particularly in the area of the law of the sea, fisheries management and disarmament. Mr Teo highlighted the important role of government lawyers in advising governments in relation to international treaties, from the initial negotiation of a treaty, to the decision of a government to become a party to a treaty (or not), to the implementation of a treaty. Mr Teo observed that government lawyers bring an invaluable set of skills to this process, with their keen eye for detail, their affinity for language and drafting, and their appreciation of the implications of complying with international obligations at the national level.

While Pacific Island Countries have different approaches to the process of ratifying international treaties, Mr Teo observed that the legal systems of all the countries represented in PILON are similar to the extent that treaties are not part of their national laws unless incorporated in some way. Furthermore, most PILON Members face similar challenges in terms of accessing the resources, particularly legislative drafting resources, to implement the commitments assumed by a State when they become a party to a treaty. Notwithstanding these challenges, Mr Teo noted a broad range of assistance available at the regional level (such as through the Forum Secretariat or the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)) to support Members develop the necessary legislative and policy frameworks.

In concluding, Mr Teo observed that since he had last attended PILON (then known as PILOM) thirteen years ago in his then capacity as the Attorney General of Tuvalu, it was clear that PILON had continued to grow and thrive as a professional network, with increasing capacity to be a useful and responsive regional resource.

E. Session Two: Presentations – International Law Panel

(i) FATF Recommendations

A presentation was provided by Ms Bronwyn Somerville, Principal Executive Officer, Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG).

The presentation outlined the role of the APG and the revised Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Recommendations and assessment methodology. Ms Somerville emphasised the requirement for each jurisdiction to assess and understand the money laundering and terrorist financing risks their respective country faces and to develop and implement appropriate responses. It was noted that the new approach to assessing effectiveness provides some opportunities for Pacific Island countries, as it recognises that the countries themselves are best placed to judge the money laundering and terrorist financing risks that affect them and the measures that will be effective 'on the ground'. With respect to gaining domestic support for implementation of international AML/CFT requirements, Ms Somerville emphasised the damage caused by unchecked money laundering and terrorist financing, and that effective AML/CFT systems support good governance, strengthen legal and institutional structures and provide the tools to prevent, detect, investigate and prosecute crimes, including corruption, that undermine civil and economic stability.

Ms Somerville discussed the major impediments countries face in implementing AML/CFT systems, including lack of resources, over reliance on a single agency such as the Financial Intelligence Units, and a lack of strategic direction and coordination. To address these challenges, Ms Somerville recommended raising awareness among key decision makers, building capacity through targeted technical assistance and training, development of a risk-based national strategy and implementation plan, and establishment of a national coordination group to provide strategic oversight and drive implementation.

(ii) International Humanitarian Law

A presentation was provided by Ms Monica Silverwood, Legal Adviser, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), in relation to the 'challenges and opportunities in implementing the laws of war in the peaceful Pacific'

The presentation noted that whilst there has been substantial progress with ratification of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) treaties in the Pacific, domestic implementation of provisions under those treaties is not as well advanced. Ms Silverwood discussed some of the challenges to implementation, arising from the fact that IHL doesn't have an immediate or pressing application in the Pacific. These include limited available resources (to advise, draft legislation etc), political will, the ongoing reporting requirements under treaties, the impact of IHL on existing domestic laws, and that resources (e.g. model laws) are developed at a global level and may not be best suited to the Pacific. An overview of a new approach proposed by the ICRC to address some of these challenges

was outlined. This new approaches focuses on ICRC providing a local 'policy' lawyer together with a local legislative drafter; working with national Red Cross Societies to champion IHL; and developing Pacific-specific resources. Ms Silverwood highlighted the opportunities for the Pacific, noting that the Pacific is well placed to make a strong contribution to the global collection of legislation implementing IHL obligations.

(iii) Climate Change and relocation in the Pacific: implications for international law

A presentation was provided by Mr Kosimiki Latu, Deputy Director General, Secretariat for the Pacific Regional Environmental Program (SPREP).

Mr Latu provided an overview of climate change impacts in the Pacific context; and the high-level recognition this has received. Climate change has consistently been highlighted as potentially the most serious long term threat to the Pacific region by the Pacific Islands Forum leaders. Mr Latu explained the three categories of responses to climate change which countries are implementing: adaptation (building resilience against impact); mitigation (efforts aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions); and, finally, relocation (local, trans-local and international relocation). Relocation was highlighted as an increasingly relevant consideration for some Pacific Island countries, especially by those which could potentially be submerged by rising sea level. Kiribati was noted as a key advocate for relocation.

Mr Latu's presentation highlighted several critical questions related to international law, raised by current or potential future climate change impacts, including sovereignty issues, international maritime law issues, and issues relating to rights to fisheries, shipping and seabed minerals.

Mr Latu explained that issues of relocation and migration in response to climate change impacts were sensitive issues, which are not currently provided for in the existing international law framework (the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Refugee Convention, and human rights instruments).

(iv) United Nations human rights standards and mechanisms

A presentation was provided by Mr Erik Friberg, Deputy Head, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Regional Office for the Pacific (OHCHR).

Mr Friberg provided an overview of UN human rights mechanisms, including the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the UN Human Rights Council, the UN human rights treaty bodies and special procedures, and discussed the opportunities and challenges in domesticating human rights standards. Mr Friberg commended that all UN member States of the Pacific had successfully engaged in the first cycle of the UPR, a process which has strengthened national ownership on human rights efforts by Governments and civil society in the region. He highlighted as positive examples the recent signing and ratifications of some human rights treaties by several Pacific countries (CPRD by PNG and Kiribati, CAT by Vanuatu and also OP-CAT by Nauru). He encouraged consideration also of the two main UN human rights treaties - the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) – noting also that compliance with treaty provisions is not a pre-requisite for ratification, and that treaties may be gradually domesticated and implemented with the assistance

of the UN and other partners. Mr Friberg welcomed the open invitation recently issued by more States (Marshall Islands, Palau, Nauru, PNG) to UN special procedures visits, to assist and advise on domestication efforts, and efforts towards the establishment of a National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs).

The presentation provided examples of good practice in the UPR process adopted in the Pacific countries, such as the establishment of inter-ministerial task-forces or committees and the inclusive consultations undertaken, dissemination of the UPR outcomes at the national level, and implementation of UPR recommendations by establishing a national action plan which can include legislative reviews. In domesticating efforts, he encouraged Members to refer explicitly in the "purposes" sections of legislation to the relevant UN human rights treaties to guide interpretation. He also highlighted the importance of budgeting for the implementation of human rights, and flagged OHCHR's approach and support on human rights indicators for promoting and monitoring implementation. Mr Friberg noted challenges arising in relation to domestic implementation, including resources, and pointed to the support available from regional, UN, bilateral and other partners in this area (including OHCHR, PIFS, SPC-RRRT, and other UN entities).

(v) Member discussion

Member question and discussion followed the panel presentations. Particular issues focused on in discussion included:

- the development of national strategies and implementation plans in relation to AML/CFT;
- the lack of recognition or provision in international law for the issue of relocation and migration in response to climate change, and how legal dialogue in relation to this issue may be started; and
- the responsibilities of and work being undertaken by international agencies responsible for human rights and environmental issues, in relation to displacement and movement of people caused by climate change.

At the conclusion of panel discussions, the meeting resolved to:

- (a) note with appreciation the presentations from the APGML, ICRC, SPREP and the Regional Office of the OHCHR, on the theme of "Domesticating International Law: Challenges and Best Practices";
- (b) note the issue of relocation and migration in response to climate change, the increasing significance of this issue for several Pacific island countries, and the current lack of provision in international law to respond to this issue; and
- (c) to agree to support the efforts of States in establishing legal responses to the impacts of climate change in PILON member countries.

F. Sessions Three, Four and Five: Country Reports

Member countries provided reports on key law and justice activities and initiatives during 2013, and relevant domestic updates in relation to the three PILON Strategic Plan priority areas.

Members agreed to:

1. Note the Country Reports presented by PILON member countries, and
2. that, where consent has been given, for Country Reports to be uploaded to the PILON website.

Members took the opportunity to each record their gratitude to the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga and the Attorney General's Office for hosting the 32nd PILON Meeting.

G. Session Six: PILON Strategic Plan Report

The Secretariat provided a report on implementation of the Strategic Plan. The report outlined specific activities undertaken in relation to the strategic priorities identified under the Plan and also general feedback, from the Secretariat's perspective, in relation to operation of the Plan in its first year and effectiveness in fulfilling outlined objectives. A written report was also provided to delegates providing further detail on implementation activities undertaken.

A specific initiative directed at information sharing in relation to Strategic Plan priority areas was highlighted for Members' information. During 2013 the Secretariat established dedicated web pages for each priority area. A summary of the information contained on these pages (updates from Member countries; Member resources; links to relevant documents and organisations, record of regional assistance available) was provided. Members were encouraged to submit information to the Secretariat for sharing on the web pages, to assist in establishing and maintaining these as a useful and relevant resource for the Network.

The Secretariat also provided a report on behalf of each of the three Working Groups established under the Strategic Plan. Written reports for each group were also provided, to outline further information on the work of the Working Groups during 2013.

In relation to the Illegal Fishing Working Group, the Secretariat confirmed that Dr Manoni (Legal Advisor, Forum Fisheries Agency) had agreed to participate in the Working Group in an 'advisory' role; and also that an additional member, the Cook Islands, had agreed to be represented on the Working Group.

Nauru advised the meeting that they wished to also provide a representative to the Illegal Fishing Working Group.

In relation to the Sexual and Gender Based Violence Working Group, New Zealand advised that the Pacific Prevention of Domestic Violence Programme (PPDVP) had indicated willingness to be involved and support the Working Group.

Finally, the Chair highlighted for members' consideration that the Strategic Plan would be reviewed and a new Plan drafted during 2014, which presented an opportunity for consideration of new priority areas to form the legal policy agenda for the network.

At the conclusion of the presentations, Members resolved to:

1. note the update provided by the Secretariat regarding the implementation of the PILON Strategic Plan during 2013;

2. note the web pages for Strategic Plan priority issues established on the PILON website, and agree to provide the Secretariat with relevant updates or resources to share with other members via these web pages;
3. Corruption and Proceeds of Crime Working Group:
 - (a) note with appreciation the report provided on behalf of the PILON Strategic Plan Working Group on corruption and proceeds of crime;
 - (b) note the *Recovering the Proceeds of Corruption in the Pacific* typologies project being co-led by Papua New Guinea and Tonga, as a joint Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APGML) and PILON Working Group project; and that a draft project report will be presented to the 2014 PILON Meeting;
 - (c) note the Working Group's draft *Guide to Legislative International Best Practice for Anti-Corruption Agencies*, to be finalised and made available on the PILON website by the end of 2013; and
 - (d) to agree to notify the Secretariat of any changes required to country information in the draft Guide, by the end of November 2013;
4. Sexual and Gender Based Violence Working Group:
 - (a) note with appreciation the report provided on behalf of the PILON Strategic Plan Working Group on sexual and gender based violence (SGBV);
 - (b) note the draft member country SGBV legislation summary prepared by the Working Group, to be finalised and made available on the PILON website by the end of 2013;
 - (c) agree to review and advise the Secretariat of any amendments required to the relevant SGBV legislation summary profile, by the end of November 2013; and
 - (d) note the offer of support to the Working Group made by the Pacific Prevention of Domestic Violence Programme.
5. Illegal Fishing
 - (a) note with appreciation the report provided on behalf of the PILON Strategic Plan Working Group on illegal fishing;
 - (b) note that the Cook Islands and Nauru will join the Working Group and that Dr Filimon Manoni, Legal Advisor, Forum Fisheries Agency, will also participate in group discussions; and
 - (c) notify the Secretariat should additional member countries wish to nominate to join the illegal fishing Working Group in 2014.

H. Session Seven: PILON Secretariat Report

(i) Report on Activities in 2013

The Secretariat presented a summary of its activities in 2013 and the work which was performed under the 2013 Work Plan. A written report was also provided to delegates providing additional detail on the activities of the Secretariat, and identifying a number of items for further attention of members. A copy of the report will be placed on the PILON website following the meeting. Working Groups will continue to progress their mandates in 2014, and will formally report back to the 2014 annual meeting on outcomes achieved for discussion by delegates. The Secretariat thanked delegates for travelling to attend the meeting in Tonga and for their ongoing support of PILON, and

in particular the effort put into preparing Country Reports for the Annual Meeting. The Secretariat also thanked the PILON Executive Committee for their assistance and support.

At the conclusion of the presentation, PILON members resolved to:

- (a) note the report given by the PILON Secretariat on its activities in 2013, and in particular:
- (b) the written report prepared by the PILON Secretariat that will be uploaded to the PILON website;
- (c) the database of technical legal assistance programs and initiatives available to PILON member countries and record of model legislation maintained by the Secretariat, and agree that PILON member countries and observers will keep the Secretariat informed of programs to be included in the database;
- (d) that PILON was represented at a number of forum, meetings, conferences and working groups during the course of 2013 and the Secretariat will continue to represent PILON at such events, when appropriate, or arrange for PILON to be represented by other means; and
- (e) the continuing support and assistance provided by the Samoan Office of the Attorney General and Australian Attorney-General's Department to the Secretariat office.

(ii) Discussion – PILON Secretariat funding

The PILON Secretariat provided a report to the meeting on the issue of long term funding arrangements for the Secretariat, as tasked at the 31st Annual Meeting. The report summarised the previous proposal endorsed by Members at the 2012 Meeting, the current status of funds for the Secretariat, and progress in 2013 in relation to future funding arrangements.

In relation to future funding for the Secretariat, the meeting was advised that following Australia's commitment at the 2012 PILON Meeting to fund the contributions of Australia and PILON members (excluding New Zealand) to the budget for the Secretariat, New Zealand undertook discussions to confirm their contribution of funding to the budget. New Zealand was able to provide advice during 2013 that the Crown Law Office will contribute a third of the cost of funding the Secretariat (up to \$60 000 NZD per annum) for the next three financial years, commencing 1 July 2014.

The meeting was advised that the current funds for the Secretariat office were scheduled to expire during 2014. Australia, New Zealand and the Secretariat were therefore required to work together during 2014 to progress future funding arrangements.

J. Session Eight: Application for PILON membership – Observer member – Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering

An application by the Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APGML) to become an observer member of PILON was considered by members.

Members unanimously approved the APGML application to become a PILON Observer Member. The Chair expressed a warm welcome to the APGML on behalf of PILON.

K. Session Nine: PacLII Advisory Board

Members considered an invitation received for PILON to nominate a representative to the PacLII Advisory Board, for the duration of the current PacLII project (until 2015).

Nauru nominated as PILON representative to the Advisory Board. The meeting endorsed Nauru as the PILON representative to the PacLII Advisory Board.

L. Session Ten: Update and discussion – regional issues and initiatives

(i) Legislative Drafting

A written report was provided by the PILON Secretariat providing the background for introduction of legislative drafting as a standing item on the Annual Meeting agenda. Activities undertaken by the Secretariat, under the *Regional Action Plan for sustainable legislative drafting capacity building in Forum Island Countries* ("Regional Action Plan"), were also outlined in the report.

A presentation was provided by Ms Lorraine Kershaw, International Legal Adviser for the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) in relation to the report *Shaping Laws in the Pacific – The Role of Legislative Drafters: A Study on Legislative Drafting Services in Forum Island Countries*. The report was prepared by PIFS as a resource to assist national governments and regional and international organisations in understanding the context of legislative development and drafting in Forum Island Countries. Ms Kershaw outlined the background and provided an overview of the report; and a draft copy was also provided to the meeting.

A presentation was provided by Mrs Nola Faasau, PIFS Legislative Drafting Officer, regarding implementation of the Regional Action Plan by the Pacific Legislative Drafters' Technical Forum. The update provided outlined steps which have been taken by national drafting offices and relevant regional organisations to progress the Regional Action Plan strategies, including preliminary preparations for the fourth meeting of the Technical Forum in 2014.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Members resolved to:

1. note the update provided regarding the implementation of the Regional Action Plan, and the steps taken by Drafters' Forum members on a national and regional level to implement the Regional Action Plan strategies;
2. note that the 4th Meeting of the Pacific Islands Legislative Drafters' Forum will be organised and hosted by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat in March 2014, and to encourage full participation from heads of national legislative drafting services (including parliamentary counsel and senior legislative drafters) from PILON Member countries;
3. welcome the imminent public release of a report by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, *Shaping Laws in the Pacific – The Role of Legislative Drafters: A Study on Legislative Drafting Services in Forum Island Countries*; and
4. notify the Secretariat of legislative drafting issues proposed for inclusion as part of the 2014 PILON Meeting agenda.

(ii) PILON Litigation Skills Program

New Zealand provided an update in relation to the PILON Litigation Skills Programme conducted by the New Zealand Crown Law Office. An overview of the Programme, including past trainings conducted, an update regarding progress with the current funding application to the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), and information in relation to timing of any future programmes was provided.

New Zealand reported that the Crown Law Office was working with MFAT to progress an application for funding for the next five-year period of the Programme; and is hopeful that funding will be confirmed in the near future. The current proposal is to conduct three basic level programmes (in 2014, 2016 and 2018) at one or more Pacific locations to be confirmed, and two advanced level programmes (in 2015 and 2017).

M. Session Eleven: Report – International Crime Cooperation Workshop

Australia provided a presentation in relation to the International Crime Cooperation Workshop hosted by Tonga and Australia on 31 October and 1 November 2013, prior to the PILON Meeting.

The workshop was attended by several Annual Meeting delegates as well as other delegates from PILON Member countries and the Tongan Police. The workshop was co-chaired by the Tongan Attorney General's Office and the Australian Attorney-General's Department (AGD), with presentations provided by the AGD, Australian Federal Police and the New Zealand Crown Law Office.

Workshop delegates shared experiences in making and handling requests for mutual legal assistance and extradition, considered the difference between extradition and deportation, and discussed police to police cooperation. The effectiveness of this was the subject of a practical exercise undertaken. In recognition of the PILON's legal policy agenda established under the Strategic Plan, exercises were also conducted in relation to proceeds of crime matters.

N. Sessions Twelve and Thirteen: PILON Observer Members and Meeting Observers

Presentations were provided by:

- Mr David Naylor, South Pacific Lawyers' Association;
- Ms Lorraine Kershaw, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat;
- Ms Shirani de Fontegalland, Commonwealth Secretariat;
- Ms Kerry Kwan, Pacific International Maritime Law Association;
- Dr. Filimon Manoni, Forum Fisheries Agency;
- Ms Daiana Buresova, SPC Regional Rights Resource Team;
- Inspector Samasoni Malaulau, Pacific Prevention of Domestic Violence Program;
- Ms Monica Silverwood, International Committee of the Red Cross; and
- Mr Kulu Bloomfield, Oceania Customs Organisation.

Members resolved to note the presentations and reports made by PILON Observer members and Meeting Observers.

O. PILON Work Plan for 2014 and draft Outcomes Report

Members agreed to discuss and settle the 2014 PILON Work Plan and Meeting Outcomes Report out of session, by email.

This report is the final Outcomes Report considered and settled by Members. The 2014 Work Plan is at Attachment A.

P. Arrangements for 2014 PILON Annual Meeting

A nomination was received from Kiribati to host the 2014 PILON Annual Meeting. Kiribati advised that either Tarawa or Christmas Island were proposed meeting venues, and details would be confirmed in the near future. Members agreed to Kiribati hosting the 2014 PILON Meeting.

A nomination was also received from the Solomon Islands to host the 2015 PILON Annual Meeting. The nomination was submitted at this stage to allow advance planning to be undertaken by the Solomon Islands. Members agreed to the Solomon Islands hosting the 2015 PILON Meeting. Nauru recorded its' interest in hosting an Annual Meeting in the future.

Q. 2014 PILON Executive Committee

Under the PILON Charter, the Executive Committee is comprised of the Chair, the incoming Chair, and at least two other PILON Member country representatives. It was agreed by members that the Executive Committee would be comprised of Tonga, Kiribati, Australia, New Zealand, Samoa and Nauru.

R. Other business and closing

The meeting was officially closed by Mr Neil Adsett, Attorney General of Tonga. Mr Adsett introduced the team from the Attorney General's Office, to allow the meeting to recognise the considerable efforts of the staff of the AGO in organising the meeting and hosting delegates in Nuku'alofa.

A vote of thanks was provided on behalf of Members by the Solomon Islands and Samoa. The meeting expressed their appreciation to:

- the Tongan Attorney General's Office for hosting the meeting, and the hospitality shown to delegates over the course of the meeting;
- Mr 'Aminiasi Kefu, Solicitor General of Tonga, for chairing the meeting;
- the PILON Secretariat for their assistance in organising the meeting; and
- The Meeting also gave special recognition that this was the last PILON Annual Meeting to be attended by Ms Tracey White, as the inaugural PILON Secretariat, and so it expressed its

sincere appreciation for her dedicated and professional services for PILON in the last 3 years, and wished her greatest of success in her future endeavours.