CONSTITUTION OF THE PACIFIC PROVIDENT FUND AND
SOCIAL SECURITY FORUM (INC.)
PREAMBLE

We, the Provident Fund and Social Security Organisations of the Pacific,
proud of our heritage and mindful of our members’ trust and interest,
dedicated to our duties to our members and cognizant of our region’s position in the Global provident fund and social security landscape,
desirous of pursuing such avenues to cater for,

improve and or benefit our members,

hereby in the true Spirit of Pacific co-operation together we affirm and endorse the presents contained in this, our Constitution.
1. **NAME OF THE SOCIETY**

   The name of the Society shall be THE PACIFIC PROVIDENT FUND AND SOCIAL SECURITY FORUM (INC.) (in this Constitution otherwise called "the Forum").

2. **INTERPRETATION**

   (a) In this Constitution, unless the contrary intention appears:

   “Alternate” means any person appointed by a Director or a Chairperson of the Executive to act or carry out the duties of the Director or the Executive Chairperson whenever the Director or Executive Chairperson is unable to do so. An alternate is not a permanent replacement but only one who acts in the interim;

   “Authorised Officers” mean persons in the employ of any Provident Fund or Social Security or Member Organisation, having authority to act in pursuance of a particular purpose;

   “Board” means the Board of Directors of the Forum;

   “Executive” means the Executive of the Forum;

   “Founding Member Organisation” means any of the organisations named in Article 5(a) of this Constitution;

   "General Meeting" means a general meeting of members convened in accordance with this Constitution;

   “Honorary Member” means any person who was the Chief Executive Officer of a founding Member Organisation of the Forum and whose employment in such a capacity with that Member Organisation has since ceased;

   “Member” means any member of the Forum;

   “Member Organisation” means any of the founding Member Organisations named in Article 5(a) and all other Member Organisations which are subsequently admitted to membership of the Forum;

   “Officers of the Forum” mean the members of the Board and Executive;

   "Ordinary resolution" means a resolution requiring only a simple majority to pass a resolution;

   “Pacific region” means the geographical region both sides of the equator encompassing both the northern and southern Pacific regions and in the context used “Pacific” also refers to the countries and or States (whether independent or otherwise) in this region
“Resumed Meeting” means the next meeting following one that has been previously adjourned. The next meeting does not necessarily mean a General or Special General Meeting;

“Servant” means an employee of or any person holding a remunerated position within the Forum or any of the Forum’s committees;

“Social security organisation” includes all organisations operating in the Pacific whose role and function includes the investment of funds for the benefit of members and their dependents upon retirement or death, and includes any organization deemed appropriate by the Member Organisations;

"Special resolution" means a resolution requiring a two-third majority to pass such a resolution.

(b) Words in the singular include the plural and vice versa. A reference to any gender includes every other gender. Words denoting individuals include organisations or corporations or other bodies as the context allows.

(c). References in this Constitution to any Article, paragraph or Schedule without further designation will be construed as a reference to the Article, paragraph or Schedule of this Constitution so numbered.

(d). The headings in this Constitution are included for convenience only and do not affect the construction of this Constitution.

(e). Words or expressions contained in this Constitution shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of the Interpretation & General Provisions Act Cap 85 (including amendments) on the date on which these rules are adopted by the Forum.

(f). All Acts referred to in this Constitution are the Acts of Solomon Islands.

3. **FORUM’S OFFICE**

(a) The registered office of the Forum shall be situated at the NPF Building along Mendana Avenue in Honiara, Solomon Islands (c/- P O Box 619 Honiara), or such other place as the Board may from time to time determine.

(b) Nothing in this Article shall prevent the Forum from authorising the establishment, from time to time, of an office in the country of the Member Organisation which is chairing the Forum.

(c) The Forum may also solicit the support of regional organisations for a Secretariat Office to be established in an appropriate place in the
(a) To foster close ties amongst Provident Funds and Social Security Organisations throughout the Pacific;

(b) To increase the capacity of Member Organisations to provide sound organisational and financial management through the sharing of information, experiences and management practices, and by capacity building through staff training, attachments and exchanges and any other worthwhile activity.

(c) To contribute to a sound economic climate in the Pacific region to enable Member Organisation’s to effectively discharge their obligations to members and contributors, and to contribute to the development of their nations to the fullest extent possible.

(d) To participate in relevant international forums and to provide proper representation for the Pacific region at an international level.

(e) To liaise with relevant international and regional bodies, and where appropriate to seek membership of international agencies with similar or related objects.

(f) To publicize, advertise and promote the objects, achievements and benefits of the Forum.

(g) To act as a forum for the discussion (and resulting action) of issues concerning funds management, the promotion of social security and all related matters in the Pacific context.

(h) To establish and maintain funds by means of subscription fees, contributions and levies, and to seek financial aid and grants in order to further the lawful purposes of the Forum.

(i) To purchase, take on lease, hire or otherwise acquire any real or personal property that may be deemed necessary or convenient for any of the objects or purposes of the Forum.

(j) To work in close consultation with the Governments and the private sectors in all Pacific nations in advocating policies to assist in achieving the above objects.

(k) To generally promote the welfare of Members Organisations, and of their members, contributors and staff, and to do all other things as may be incidental to, or conductive to, the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

5. **MEMBERSHIP OF THE FORUM**

(a) The founding Member Organisations of the Forum shall be –

- Fiji National Provident Fund
- Kiribati Provident Fund
(b) Any Provident Fund or Social Security Organisation in the Pacific region may apply to become a Member Organisation upon the incorporation of the Forum.

(c) Any Provident Fund or Social Security Organisation seeking membership of the Forum shall;

(i) submit to the Forum a completed membership application in a form approved by the Board, and

(ii) pay to the Forum the annual subscription fee.

(d) Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph (c), the admission of any applicant for membership may be objected to in writing by the Board of Directors within four (4) months from the date of payment of the subscription fee or receipt of the membership application, whichever later occurs:

(i) Any applicant whose application for membership has been objected to despite having paid the annual subscription to the Forum shall be entitled to have such monies so paid refunded upon producing the Forum’s official receipt or an authenticated copy thereof; and

(ii) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this paragraph (d), any Fund or Organisation whose admission is objected to may appeal against such an objection in writing to the Board, whereupon such an appeal shall be discussed at a special general meeting.

(e) The Forum may permit any related organisation from within or outside of the Pacific region to become an affiliate member if the Forum is satisfied the objects of such an organisation are consistent with the Forum’s objects as stated in Article 4 above.

(f) An affiliate member of the Forum shall be entitled to attend meetings and participate in the programs and activities of the Forum, but may not –

(i) vote at any meeting of the Forum; or

(ii) chair the Forum.

(g) A Member Organisation or any member of the Forum may at any time resign from the Forum by a written notice to the Secretary of its decision to resign.

(h) Upon receipt of a notice pursuant to the foregoing paragraph (g), the Secretary shall remove from the register of members the name of the Member Organisation or that member has resigned, whereupon that member shall cease to be a member of the Forum.
(i). Notwithstanding any other rights accorded to Forum members from time to time, an Honorary Member shall not be required to pay the Forum’s subscription fee and may not vote at any meeting of the Forum, nor chair the same; and

(ii). An Honorary Member shall not be eligible for membership of the Forum’s Board.

(j) The rights, privileges and obligations of all Member Organisations by virtue of its membership of the Forum -

(i) are not transferable nor capable of being transferred to another person or body corporate; and

(ii) shall terminate upon the cessation of its membership by resignation, winding up or otherwise.

6. **SUBSCRIBER MEMBERS**

(a) Notwithstanding any provision in Article 5, a Member Organisation may subscribe to membership of the Forum by the signature of up to three of its authorised officers.

(b) If the procedure of paragraph (a) is followed, the individual members shall, for all purposes, be regarded as the representatives of the Provident Fund or Social Security Organisation which has authorised their signature, and the relevant Provident Fund or Social Security Organisation shall be deemed to be a Member Organisation of the Forum.

(c) Individual members to whom this Article applies may only exercise one vote on behalf of the Member Organisation which they represent and for all purposes shall be regarded only as representatives of the respective Provident Fund or Social Security Organisation.

7. **GOVERNING BODY: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

(a) The governing body of the Forum shall be known as the Board of Directors and shall comprise of the Chief Executive Officers of each Member Organisation.

(b) The quorum necessary for the transaction of such business of the Directors may be fixed by the Directors and unless so fixed shall be five.

(c) A director who has a conflict of interest or a direct personal material interest in a contract or other financial matter being dealt with by the Board must declare such interest and shall not vote or participate in any general discussion with respect to the subject matter.
several documents in like form, each signed by one or more Directors.

(e) A director may appoint an alternate to act and or carry out any task which ordinarily is the responsibility of the director, in his absence, and to represent him at any Board meeting

8. **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

(a) The Board shall be supported by Executive Officers who shall be -

(i) a Chairperson;

(ii) a Secretary;

(iii) a Treasurer; and

(iv) any other officer or officers appointed from time to time in accordance with this Constitution.

(b) The Chairperson shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Member Organisation which hosts a General Meeting of the Forum, and the Chairperson’s Member Organisation shall provide the services of a Secretary and Treasurer to the Forum.

(c) The Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer shall take office on the convening of a General Meeting hosted by the Chairperson’s Member Organisation, and shall vacate office at the commencement of the next General Meeting convened in accordance with Article 18.

(d) Without derogating from the ambit of the foregoing paragraphs (b) and (c), in the event the Chief Executive Officer is absent or is unable to carry out his duties as Chairman, he shall appoint an alternate from within his member organisation to be his substitute and thereby the alternate shall discharge the duties of the Chairman.

9. **DUTIES OF OFFICERS OF THE FORUM**

(a) **The Chairperson of the Board**

The Chairperson’s duties are to –

(i) provide effective leadership for the Forum;

(ii) ensure that there is effective communication amongst Member Organisations and members generally;

(iii) host the General Meeting at which the Chairperson assumes office and to ensure that the next General Meeting is held in
provide effective representation of the Forum at relevant international meetings and within related international and regional bodies; and

do any other thing that is necessary to advance the objects of the Forum and promote the interests of its Member Organisations.

(b) **The Secretary**

The Secretary’s duties are to:

(i) give notice and convene meetings of the Forum and Board in accordance with this Constitution;

(ii) ensure that minutes of the Forum’s meetings and records of attendance are kept;

(iii) attend to all regular correspondences of the Forum and the Board.

(c) **Treasurer**

The Treasurer’s duties are to:

(i) open and maintain the Forum’s bank accounts in accordance with Article 15;

(ii) ensure that the members’ subscriptions are paid and deposited in the Forum’s bank account;

(ii) ensure that the Forum’s accounts and financial records are properly maintained and its assets are prudently managed;

(iii) receive and issue receipts for all monies and drafts paid to the Forum and lodge these in the Forum’s bank accounts;

(iv) properly manage and account for all funds contributed to the Forum from any source to assist with the implementation of its programs and the pursuit of its objects;

(v) provide financial reports to the Board at such reasonable times as required by the Board and also to provide such to the General Meetings of the Forum; and

(vi) report the following information at each general meeting -

- Progress bank account;
- Balance brought forward;
- Deposits and Payments:
10. **DUTIES OF THE BOARD**

The Board -

(a) shall control and manage the business and affairs of the Forum;

(b) may, subject to this Constitution, exercise all such powers and functions as may be exercised by the Forum other than those powers and functions that are required by this Constitution to be exercised by general meetings of members of the Forum; and

(c) subject to this Constitution, has power to perform all such acts and things as may appear to the Board to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Board.

11. **BOARD COMMITTEES**

(a) The Board may at any time set up Board Committees and shall –

   (i) appoint a Chairperson to each Committee; and

   (ii) prescribe the powers and functions of the Committee.

(b) The Board may appoint as members of a Board Committee such persons as it thinks fit, whether or not those persons are members of the Board or the Executive.

(c) The Chair of a Board Committee is responsible for calling meetings of a Board Committee and each Board Committee may prescribe its own procedures.

12. **FORUM ADVISERS**

(a). The Forum may by special resolution at a general meeting appoint suitably qualified persons to –

   (i) advise the Forum;

   (ii) support the general goals of the Forum;

   (iii) advise the Board on strategic issues;

   (iv) assist in the conduct of programmes, workshops and conferences conducted by the Forum, either alone or in conjunction with any of its strategic partners; and

   (v) help the Forum to establish its reputation.

(b). Without derogating from the ambit of this Article, the Forum may by a special resolution at a general meeting appoint any Honorary
13. **THE PROPERTY OF THE FORUM**

(a) The income and property of the Forum however derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects and purposes of the Forum and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by dividend, bonus, or otherwise to any member of the Forum.

(b) The Forum shall not appoint a person who is a member of the Board to any office of the Forum for which a remuneration is payable by way of salary, fees, or allowances.

(c) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this Article prevents the payment in good faith to a servant of the Forum of -

   (i) remuneration in return for services actually rendered to the Forum by the servant or for goods supplied to the Forum by the servant or member in the ordinary course of business;

   (ii) interest at a rate not exceeding seven per cent on money lent to the Forum by the servant or member; or

   (iii) a reasonable and proper sum by way of rent for premises let to the Forum by the servant or member.

14. **ACCOUNTS OF RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE ETC**

(a) True accounts shall be kept -

   (i) of all sums of money received and expended by the Forum and the matter in respect of which the receipt or expenditure takes place; and

   (ii) of the property, credits, and liabilities of the Forum; and subject to any reasonable restriction as to the time and manner of inspecting them that may be imposed by the Forum for the time being, those accounts shall be open for the inspection of the members of the Forum.

(b) The Treasurer of the Forum shall faithfully keep all general records, accounting books, and records of receipts and expenditure connected with the operations and business of the Forum in such form and manner as the Board may direct.

(c) The accounts, books, and records referred to in the foregoing paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Article shall be kept at the Forum’s registered office, or any other office of the Forum as the Board may direct.

15. **BANKING AND FINANCE**
(b) The Board shall cause to be opened with such bank as the Board selects a bank account in the name of the Forum into which all monies received shall be paid by the Treasurer as soon as possible after receipt thereof.

(c) Unless otherwise directed by the Board the bank account of the Forum shall be maintained at a bank in the country of the current Chairperson of the Forum.

(d) No cheques shall be drawn on the Board’s bank account except for the payment of expenditure that has been authorised by the Board.

(e) Cheques, drafts and other instruments for the expenditure of funds from the Forum’s account shall be signed by the Chairperson and counter-signed by either the Secretary or the Treasurer.

16. **AUDITOR**

(a) At each General Meeting of the Forum, the members present shall appoint a suitably qualified and registered person or corporation to be the auditor of the Forum.

(b) A person so appointed shall hold office until the next general meeting after that at which he was appointed, and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(c) The first auditor of the Forum may be appointed by the Board before the first General Meeting, and if so appointed shall hold office until the first General Meeting, unless previously removed by a special resolution of the members at a general meeting, in which case the members at that meeting may appoint a person to act as interim auditor until the first General Meeting.

(d) If an appointment is not made at a General Meeting, the Board shall appoint an auditor of the Forum for the then current financial year of the Forum.

(e) If a casual vacancy occurs in the office of auditor during the course of a financial year of the Forum, the Board may appoint a person as the auditor and the person so appointed shall hold office until the conclusion of the next General Meeting.

17. **AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS**

(a) In each financial year of the Forum, the accounts of the Forum shall be examined at least once by the auditor.

(b) The auditor shall certify as to the correctness of the accounts of the Forum and shall report thereon to the members present at the next General Meeting.
(ii) the report is tabled at the next General Meeting of the Forum.

(d) In his report, and in certifying to the accounts, the auditor shall state-

(i) whether he has obtained the information required by him;

(ii) whether in his opinion the accounts are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the financial position of the Forum according to the information at his disposal and the explanations given to him and as shown by the books of the Forum; and

(iii) whether the rules relating to the administration of the funds of the Forum have been observed.

(e) The Treasurer, with the assistance of the Secretary, shall cause to be delivered to the auditor a list of all the accounts, books, and records of the Forum.

(f) The Auditor -

(i) has a right of access to the accounts, books, records, vouchers, and documents of the Forum;

(ii) may require from the officers and servants of the Forum such information and explanations as may be necessary for the performance of his duties as auditor;

(iii) may employ any person or persons to assist him in investigating the accounts of the Forum; and

(iv) may in relation to the accounts of the Forum, question any member of the Board or any servant of the Forum.

18. GENERAL MEETINGS

(a) The Forum shall hold a General Meeting every two years.

(b) The General Meeting shall be held on such day (being not later than three months after the close of the financial year of the Forum) as the Board may determine.

(c) The General Meeting may be held in conjunction with any other meeting of the Forum held in the year on which the meeting falls due.

(d) The General Meeting shall be specified as such in the notice convening it.
(ii) to receive from the Board, auditor, and the Chairperson, reports upon the transactions of the Forum during the last preceding financial years;

(iii) to appoint the auditor and determine his remuneration;

(iii) to determine the remuneration of the members of the Executive and any support staff of the Forum; and

(iv) to select a Member Organisation to host the next Forum’s General Meeting.

(f) The General Meeting may transact special business of which notice is given in accordance with this Constitution.

(g) All other meetings other than the General Meeting shall be called Special General Meetings.

(h) Only those members entitled to vote under this Constitution and whose subscription is paid up to date shall be eligible to vote on any business at a General Meeting.

19. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

(a) The Board may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting of the Forum.

(b) The Board shall, in the requisition in writing of not less than five Member Organisation, convene a special general meeting of the Forum.

(c) A requisition for a special general meeting shall state the objects of the meeting and shall be signed by the representative of each Member Organisation calling for the meeting, and delivered to the Secretary, and may consist of several documents in the like form and each duly signed.

(d) Only those members entitled to vote under this Constitution and whose subscription is paid up to date shall be eligible to vote on any business at a Special General Meeting.

20. BUSINESS AND QUORUM AT GENERAL MEETINGS

(a) All business that is transacted at special general meetings and all business that is transacted at a General Meeting, with the exception of that specifically referred to in this Constitution as being the ordinary business of the General Meeting, shall be deemed to be special business.

(b) No item of business shall be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under this Constitution to vote is present
any General Meeting shall be five until such time as the membership of the Forum has increased to ten or more Member Organisations whereby the quorum shall be one half of the Member Organisations plus one (any decimal resulting shall be rounded off to the next nearest whole number); or

(ii) any Special General Meeting shall be five until such time as the membership of the Forum has increased to ten or more Member Organisations whereby the quorum shall be one third of the Member Organisations plus one (any decimal resulting shall be rounded off to the nearest whole number).

(d) If within thirty minutes after the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting being convened upon the requisition of members, shall be dissolved unless a resolution is passed by the majority of those present to extend the time allowed beyond thirty minutes; and in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and (unless another place is specified by the Chairperson at the time of the adjournment or by written notice to members given the day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within thirty minutes after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the meeting shall be dissolved.

21. **CHAIRPERSON TO PRESIDE AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

(a) The Chairperson shall preside as Chair at the general meeting of the Forum hosted in the Chairperson’s country.

(b) If the Chairperson is absent from any session of a general meeting, his alternate, who shall be an officer of the host Member Organisation, shall preside as Chairperson.

22. **ADJOURNMENT OF GENERAL MEETING**

(a) The Chairperson of a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the members adjourn the meeting to another time and venue, but no new business shall be transacted at a resumed meeting until the business left unfinished at the previously adjourned meeting has been properly or satisfactorily dealt with.

(b) Except as provided for in the foregoing paragraph of this Article, it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at the next resumed meeting.

23. **DETERMINATION OF MATTERS ARISING AT GENERAL MEETING**

(a) The matters arising should be conducted in a style that facilitates the open participation of all representatives of Member
declaration by the Chairperson that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or carried unanimously, or carried by a particular majority, or lost and an entry to that effect in the minute book of the Forum is evidence of the fact, without proof of the number of proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against, that resolution.

24. **ORDINARY VOTES AND REPRESENTATIVE VOTES**

(a) Upon any question arising at a general meeting of the Forum, any Member Organisation that is represented may vote subject to Article 18(h) but shall have only one vote, irrespective of the number of its representatives or delegates present at the meeting.

(b) At any General Meeting the Member Organisations may resolve that a vote on any issue is to be taken as a representative vote in which only one vote can be cast for each country regardless of the number of Member Organisations from any particular country.

(c) For each representative vote conducted under the foregoing paragraph (b) the Member Organisations from any country having more than one Member Organisation shall resolve to appoint a titular delegate who shall be entitled to cast the representative vote for their country.

(d) In the case of an equality of voting on any matter, the Chairperson of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.

25. **VACATING OFFICE OF DIRECTOR**

(a) For the purposes of this Constitution, the office of a director of the Forum's Board becomes vacant if the director personally ceases to hold the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Member Organisation that employs him for the time being.

(b) Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph (a), in the absence of a director due to his cessation of employment as above, his position in the Forum's Board shall in the interim be taken over by his alternate until such time the Member Organisation appoints a replacement of Chief Executive Officer who shall then assume office as a Director of the Forum.

(c) Without derogating from the ambit of the foregoing paragraph (b), the alternate director shall cease to act in such a capacity upon the replacement of Chief Executive Officer assuming his official duties within the Member Organisation that employs him.

26. **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION AND OTHER FUNDS**

(a) The amount of the annual subscription fee in respect of Member
(b) The annual subscription of a member in any of the classes mentioned in the foregoing paragraph (a) is due and payable on or before the first day of the financial year of the Forum.

(c) All subscriptions shall be paid in a currency which the Board may agree upon from time to time.

(d) Other payments made to the Forum by members may include –

(i) voluntary contributions; and

(ii) levies approved by the Board of Directors for any programme or activity undertaken by the Forum to further its objects.

27. **FINANCIAL YEAR**

The financial year of the Forum is the twelve-month period from 30th June of one year to the 1st of July of the following year.

28. **NOTICES**

A notice may be served by or on behalf of the Forum upon any member or its representative whether personally or by any electronic means or by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter addressed to the member at his usual or last known place of abode or in the case of a corporate member, its usual or last known place of business.

29. **SUSPENSION & EXPULSION OF ANY MEMBER**

(a) Subject to this Article, the Board may expel or suspend a Member Organisation or Affiliate member from the Forum if, in the opinion of the Board the member has been guilty of conduct detrimental to the interests of the Forum.

(b) A vote taken to expel or suspend a member must be voted in favour by all Directors other than the Director of the Member Organisation against whom the vote is being taken.

30. **BY-LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS**

(a) The Forum, through its Board of Directors from time to time, may enact such By-laws or Regulations or rules to provide for the proper and effective governing, conduct, management and administration of the Forum.

(d) Any by-law, regulation or rule may be amended or repealed at any General Meeting of the Forum.
(i). Any proposal to amend any by-law, regulation or rule shall be submitted to the Secretary no later then 60 days prior to the Meeting.

(ii). The Secretary shall within 14 days after receiving a proposal pursuant to the foregoing paragraph, notify each member of such a proposal.

(iii). Prior to a meeting at which a proposal to amend is to be considered, the Secretary shall include in the notice paper such a proposal along with the names of the proposer and the seconder.

(f) Any proposal to amend any by-law or regulation or rule that is subsequently accepted by the Forum in a General Meeting shall become effective immediately or at such time as agreed by the Forum.

31. DISPUTES

(a) Subject to this Article, a dispute between a member of the Forum, in his capacity as a member and the Forum shall be determined by arbitration in accordance with the provisions of the Arbitration Act Cap 2, or the relevant law applying in any country which is currently holding the Chair of the Forum.

(b) Nothing in this Article affects the operation or effect of Article 29.

32. SEAL OF THE FORUM

(a) The Seal of the Forum shall be in the form of a rubber stamp inscribed with the name or initials of the Forum encircling the word "Seal".

(b) The Seal of the Forum shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the Board, and the affixing thereof shall be attested to by the signatures either of two members of the Board and that attestation is sufficient for all purposes that the seal was affixed by authority of the Board.

(c) The Seal shall remain in the custody of the Secretary.

33. DISSOLUTION OF THE FORUM

(a). The Forum shall be dissolved by a special resolution passed by two-thirds majority of the Members Organisations of the Forum in a general meeting.

(b). If the Forum is dissolved, the Board may by itself or through a liquidator liquidate any assets of the Forum with the proceeds to be
34. **AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION**

No provision in this Constitution shall be amended unless passed by a two-thirds majority of the Member Organisations of the Forum in an Annual or Special General Meeting.

We, the several persons and bodies corporate (if any) whose names and seals are respectively subscribed and affixed hereto being members of the above-named Forum hereby make application for the Incorporation of the Forum under the foregoing Articles in accordance with the Co-operative Societies Act Cap 164:

DATED at Honiara this day of 2006