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Annex 15

Decision Document on

Preparation for CTI-CSO and CTI-COM Chairmanship Handover in 2016

The 11th CTI-CFF SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM-11)

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by

**the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea,
the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste**

I. Background

Based on the decision of CTI-CFF Special SOM, held in Manado, Indonesia on 15 May 2014, Papua New Guinea and Philippines assumed the Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship, respectively of of the CTI Council of Ministers beginning 16 May 2014 until 16 May 2016 or such a time when the Ministerial Meeting will be held after 16 May 2016. This is in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the Rule 10 (1) of CTI-CFF Rules of Procedure, which reads as follows:

“...The CTI-CFF Party whose name next follows alphabetically from the CTI-CFF Party of the current Chair will nominate a candidate for election as Chair...”

Following that statement, the Rule 10 (2) of CTI-CFF Rules of Procedure, reads as follows:

“...The CTI-CFF Party whose name next follows alphabetically from the CTI-CFF Party of the current Vice-Chair will nominate a candidate for election as Vice-Chair...”

In line with the abovementioned rules, the Philippines and Solomon Islands shall assume the Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship, respectively of the CTI Council of Ministers on 16 May 2016.

This is also in accordance with Rule 11 (1) & (2), of the CTI-CFF Rules of Procedure:

- 1) The Chair of the CSO shall rotate in time and by CTI-CFF Party, parallel to the CTI COM. The Vice Chair will be parallel with Rule 10 (2). They shall take office upon their appointment for the same term as the CTI COM Chair.*
- 2) The rotation of the Chair of the CTI CSO referred to in paragraph (1) above shall be based on the names of the CTI-CFF Parties in alphabetical order. As such, the CTI-CFF Party whose name next follows alphabetically from the CTI-CFF Party of the current Chair will nominate a candidate for election as Chair, at the meeting immediately prior to the conclusion of the term of office of the current Chair. The initial Chair of the CTI CSO will be nominated by the CTI-CFF Party of the initial Chair of the CTI COM.*

II. Decision

Referring to the presentations made by the Regional Secretariat as well as deliberations during the session on the Preparation for CTI-CSO and CTI-COM Handover in 2016, the Senior Officials hereby

1. Acknowledged and appreciated Papua New Guinea as the current Chair and the Philippines as the vice-Chair of the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) and Council of Ministers (COM) for the period of two years from 16 May 2014 to 16 May 2016 or such time when the Ministerial Meeting will be held after May 2016;
2. Acknowledged that there will be a handover of the Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship of the CTI-COM and CTI-CSO from Papua New Guinea and the Philippines, to the Philippines and Solomon Islands in 2016, respectively; and
3. Agreed that the date and venue for SOM-12 will be held back-to-back with the 6th Ministerial Meeting in Papua New Guinea in 2016.

Attachment:

Attachment 15.1 Presentation on the Preparation for CTCOM and CTI-CSO Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship in 2016