



CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

Annex – 5

Decision Document on

Progress on the Amendment to the Agreement on Establishment and Staff Regulation of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in relation to the Executive Director Appointment Mechanism

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

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**The Coral Triangle Information and Learning Center
(the CTI Learning Center) Building
Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia**

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by

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

I. Background

On 21st October 2014, the Interim Regional Secretariat (IRS) received a letter from the Director-General of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of Timor-Leste addressed to the Chair of CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), on a proposal for an amendment to the appointment mechanism of Executive Director of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat.

The objective of the proposal was to amend the Agreement on the Establishment of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and the Staff Regulation with regards to the Executive Director's position, whereby candidates should be from countries who are Parties to the Agreement and for it to be on a rotational basis in accordance to alphabetical order.

The intention behind this proposal is to ensure that all Parties to the Agreement would have equal opportunity to contribute towards the accomplishment of CTI-CFF objectives.

However, due to time constraint, the proposal could not be deliberated as part of the 10th Senior Officials Meeting agenda, which was held in Dili, Timor-Leste from 5th to 7th November 2014.

Post SOM10, on 12th May 2015, the Regional Secretariat has advised NCC Timor-Leste that the proposal should be submitted by the Minister of Agriculture and Fishery of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste in order for the Regional Secretariat to be able to process the proposal and submit recommendations to SOM11.

The Regional Secretariat has not received any action from NCC Timor-Leste following the submission of the letter. However, it is expected that delegations from Timor-Leste could provide an update during SOM-11.

II. Decision

With reference to the presentations made by the Regional Secretariat and the subsequent deliberations, the Senior Officials, agreed the following decision:

In the event that no written proposal signed by the Minister of Timor-Leste is submitted, this matter will remain pending.

Attachment:

Attachment 5.1 Presentation of Amendment of the Agreement and Staff Regulations (In Relation to the Executive Director Appointment Mechanism) Report.