



CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE

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Annex 5

Decision Document on

Status of the Ratification of the Agreement on Establishment of the Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF

The 12th CTI-CFF SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM-12)

**1 - 2 November 2016
Laguna Hotel, Waigani Drive
Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea**

**Adopted on 1 November 2016
by
the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea,
the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste**

I. Background

At the 11th CTI-CFF Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-11) held on 2-3 December 2015 in Manado, Indonesia, the meeting acknowledged that the Ratification of the Agreement on Establishment of the Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF along with its submission to the Depository by the five (5) CTI-CFF Member States.

In SOM-11, CTI-CFF member countries encouraged PNG to expedite the ratification process of the Agreement on the Establishment of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat. The meeting subsequently tasked Regional Secretariat to facilitate PNG in its ratification of the said document.

As follow up, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat paid a working visit to Papua New Guinea on 18-20 July 2016 with a view of expediting the ratification process by the Papua New Guinea, discussing the preparation of SOM-12 to be held back-to-back with MM-6 as well as discussing preparation for handover the Chair and Vice-Chair of COM and CSO, respectively.

The result of above-mentioned working visit is that the Government of Papua New Guinea ratifies the Agreement on Establishment of the Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF signed by Hon. Rimbink Pato, OBE, LLB, MP as Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration on 31 August 2016. Subsequently, the Embassy of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea has submitted, through Diplomatic Note No. 112/2016 date 13 September 2016, the instrument of ratification to the Depository (i.e. Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia).

No	Country	Dates of Signing Instrument of Ratification	Dates of Acceptance of Instrument of Ratification
1	Malaysia	13 February 2013	15 April 2013
2	Indonesia	9 May 2014	9 May 2014
3	Solomon Island	2 September 2014	8 October 2014
4	Timor-Leste	13 October 2014	27 October 2014
5	Philippines	24 November 2014	8 January 2015
6	Papua New Guinea	31 August 2016	13 September 2016

With above development, as of 30 October 2016, all CTI-CFF Member States already ratified the Agreement on Establishment of the Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF. In this regard, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat would like to express high gratitude and appreciation to all CTI-CFF Member States for the support extended for the ratification process.

With support of the CTI-CFF Member States, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat will make great strides in marching forward and will play its due role to coordinate and facilitate regional activities pursuing the implementation and achievement of Regional Plan of Action.

II. Decision

Referring to the discussion and consideration among the SOM-12 on session on Status Ratification of the Agreement on Establishment of the Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF, the Senior Officials hereby:

1. Acknowledged the report by the Executive Director on the ratification of the Agreement on the Establishment of the Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF by Papua New Guinea and look forward to the future cooperation among CTI-CFF Member Countries; and
2. Congratulated Papua New Guinea for its ratification of the “Agreement”.

Attachment:

5.1 Presentation on Status of Ratification