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**RESOLUTION ON RENEWED COMMITMENT TO COOPERATION IN FISHERIES  
MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT**

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*PNA Resolution 01-2013*

**Mindful** that the Regional Tuna Management and Development Strategy adopted by Forum Fisheries Committee Ministers in 2009 as an important backbone for the region is built on the principles of regional solidarity and recognition of the need of Forum Fisheries Agency members to achieve additional social and economic benefits from the sustainable management and development of the tuna fishery and associated industries;

**Further recalling** that the Bikenibeu Declaration agreed by Fisheries Ministers of the Parties to the Nauru Agreement on Cooperation on Management of Fisheries of Common Interest calls for enhanced efforts to achieve additional benefits from tuna fisheries;

**Noting** that the Koror Declaration Committing Parties to the Nauru Agreement to Joint Efforts to Increase the Economic Value and Derive Greater Benefits from the Tuna Resource agreed by Leaders of the Parties to the Nauru Agreement on Management of Fisheries of Common Interest confirms the importance of achieving additional benefits from fisheries at the highest political level;

Ministers of Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Nauru, the Republic of Palau, the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu, being the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (herein after referred to as "the Parties") have agreed as follows:

***Renewed Commitment***

1. To reaffirm commitment, at the highest political levels, to the full implementation of PNA arrangements and measures, specifically in terms of the strict application of the Vessel Day Scheme (VDS) so as to ensure that no Party exceeds its Party Allowable Effort.

2. That the economic returns to all Parties have increased substantially since the advent of the VDS, and the decision of Ministers in 2011 to introduce a minimum benchmark price for a fishing day sold to foreign fishing partners.
3. That there remains significant opportunity to retain greater returns from fishery resources, but that incomplete implementation of the VDS and other agreed management measures undermines the ability of Parties to realise those opportunities.
4. That strengthened implementation of the VDS and other agreed management measures will provide direct benefits to Parties individually and collectively as well as strengthening solidarity and cementing the role of the Parties as leaders in tuna management and conservation.
5. That in this regard, Parties have agreed not to apply the prescribed penalty to one Party that significantly exceeded its Party Allowable Effort (PAE) on the basis of that Party's assurance that the VDS will be fully implemented in 2013 and beyond.

*Technical Implementation of the VDS*

6. That the PNA total allowable effort (TAE) for 2013 shall be 45,284 days and that Tokelau, as a participant to the VDS has a national limit of 1,000 days in addition to this TAE.
7. That this total allowable effort shall be allocated amongst the Parties through mutual agreement.
8. That the VDS can only operate effectively if all Parties count fishing days in a consistent manner and in the same way that they are counted for scientific purposes. In order to ensure this, revised definitions of "non fishing days" have been agreed and all Parties commit to implementing them fully, including by ceasing the practice of crediting "part days".
9. That the vessel length adjustment factors in the VDS will be maintained as the most appropriate way of accounting for the fishing power of different sized vessels, but that this would be reviewed by the Parties again in 2014 to ensure that the factors used are appropriate.

*Economic Model and Minimum Benchmark Price*

10. That in order to continue the significant success of the Parties in increasing returns, the minimum benchmark price will be increased to \$6,000 per day as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014, through amendment to the MOU signed by Ministers in 2011.

11. That economic modelling indicates substantial opportunity to increase this price further, but that any such decision is contingent upon strengthened implementation of management measures.

*Longline Management*

12. That regulation of the longline fishery and introduction of a rights based system for its management represents a unique opportunity to both ensure the sustainability of the fishery and leverage additional control and returns as has been largely achieved in the purse seine fishery.
13. That the Longline VDS scheme text be opened for signature by those Parties who wish to participate immediately and that other Parties will continue to work towards participation.

*MSC Certification and Pacific Trading Platform*

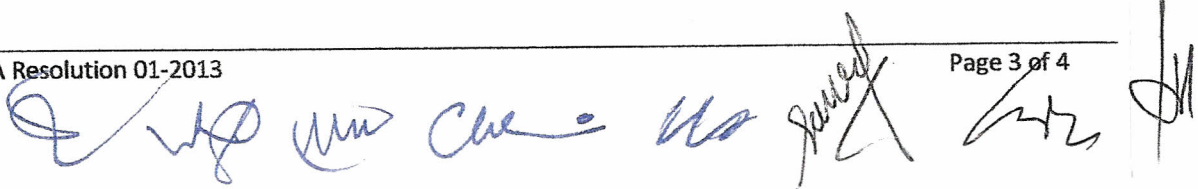
14. That the tuna resources of the PNA belong to PNA and that in PNA waters the good governance recognized by MSC certification will secure our peoples futures. MSC certification has put PNA on the world map and rallied unprecedented global support for Pacific and PNA. PNA now encourages industry partners to deliver MSC skipjack to our processors, and share the benefits as partners.

*United States Treaty*

15. That officials have progressed well in the renegotiation of the Treaty and should be empowered to continue to seek finalisation before June 2013.
16. Parties have agreed to contribute VDS days to cover the period of 15 June to 31 December 2013.

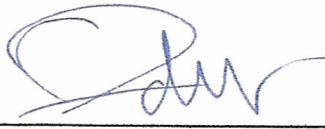


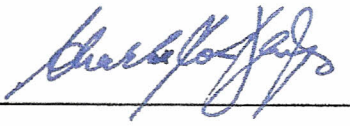
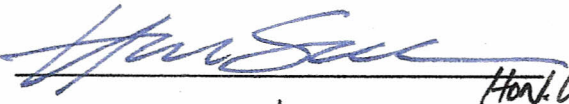

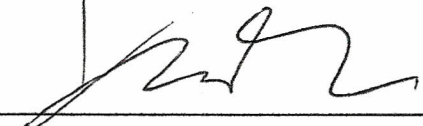
*Federated States of Micronesia Arrangement (FSMA)*

17. That work should continue on the reform of the FSMA to strengthen the contribution that it makes to the promotion of domestic tuna development through preferential access to Parties' waters for domestic vessels.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised by their respective Governments have signed this Agreement.

DONE at Koror, Palau this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 2013.

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