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**Agenda item 21: 2024 Regular Annual Meeting and Election of Vice Chair**

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**Proposed Recommendations**

Members are invited to:

- a) **endorse** the nomination of the incoming Vice Chair for 2023/2024; and
  - b) **welcome** the new Vice Chair and host of the next PIDC Regular Annual Meeting in 2024.
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**Purpose**

To guide Members in the selection of a Vice Chair and agreed host for the PIDC Regular Annual Meeting (RAM) in 2024 as required under the PIDC Constitution.

**Background**

2. Article 13 of the PIDC Constitution, outlines the process for electing the incoming Vice Chair. In effect, the Vice-Chair is nominated to represent the country seeking to host the next Regular Annual Meeting (RAM) which in this instance will be the 2024 RAM. The Vice Chair shall be appointed for the period of one year after which they automatically assume the role of Chair at the next RAM. The Vice Chair elected at the 2023 RAM will consequently be responsible for hosting the 2024 PIDC RAM.

3. There are no set criteria to determine which Member is given the annual hosting rights. Hosting the Regular Annual Meeting is voluntary and at every RAM, Members are given the equal opportunity to express their interest to host the next conference.

**Benefit of Hosting Regular Annual Meetings**

4. The RAM brings together the heads of 21 PIDC Member administrations and a number of invited Observers. The RAM provides a unique opportunity for PIDC and the hosting country to raise its profile as an efficient, effective, proactive and innovative immigration body. It also provides a valuable opportunity for increased national government support and commitment for the implementation of planned immigration reforms.

**Past Hosts of PIDC Regular Annual Meetings**

5. The following table lists Member countries that have hosted the RAM for the last 12 years since 2010.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Member Countries that have Hosted the Regular Annual Meeting</b>
2010	Vanuatu
2011	Federated States of Micronesia
2012	Cook Islands
2013	<i>Conference postponed</i>
2014	Papua New Guinea
2015	Samoa
2016	Republic of the Marshall Islands
2017	New Zealand (hosted in Apia, Samoa)

<b>Year</b>	<b>Member Countries that have Hosted the Regular Annual Meeting</b>
2018	Fiji
2019	Cook Islands
2020	<i>RAM Postponed with governance activities undertaken through Special General Meeting</i>
2021	Virtually Hosted by Tuvalu
2022	Hosted by PNG in Fiji

### **Financial Implications**

6. The main financial implications based on hosting the RAM include the host country being responsible for providing a meeting venue, meeting meals and domestic transfer costs (*Airport-accommodation-meeting venue*) for delegates. The 2022 Ram noted that RAM hosting costings could be taken up by PIDC and this may be agreed upon through ongoing discussions with the Board.