



PACIFIC IMMIGRATION DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY CIRCULAR

To:	PIDC Members
From:	PIDC Secretariat
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Tokelau Application for Membership in the Pacific Immigration Development Community

Members are advised that the Department of Transport and Support Services of the Government of Tokelau, which is responsible for Tokelau immigration services, has applied to formally become a member of the Pacific Immigration Development Community (PIDC) (Attachment One).

2. Tokelau's interest in becoming a member of PIDC has previously been discussed by the PIDC Board and pursuant to Article 5 of the PIDC Constitution, Tokelau's application will be considered by Members at the next Regular Annual Meeting (RAM) scheduled for 4 – 6 June 2019 in the Cook Islands. The Secretariat will provide a briefing paper to guide Members' discussions on this matter in preparation for the 2019 RAM.

3. Members will note that Article 5.2 of the PIDC Constitution provides:

[w]here the member is a territory whose immigration authority is managed independently by the territory, membership and participation will be entered into with the territory's immigration department.

4. While Tokelau's application is yet to be considered by Members, to facilitate PIDC procedures the Secretariat has attached for Members' information possible draft text amendments to the PIDC Memorandum of Understanding and the PIDC Constitution (Attachment Two) in line with Article 5 of the PIDC Constitution. Members will note that these possible text amendments highlighted in yellow are only provided for information and will only be actioned should Member's endorse Tokelau's application for membership at the 2019 RAM.

5. Please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat if you require any further details regarding the above matter.

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Ioane Alama
HEAD OF SECRETARIAT