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Chair, Pacific Immigration Development Community
c/o Pacific Immigration Development Community Secretariat
Level 3, Development Bank of Samoa
Apia, Samoa

Dear Chair,

We write to request for Tokelau to be admitted as a member of the Pacific Immigration Development Community (PIDC) at the Regular Annual Meeting 2019. We understand your Board will need to consider our application in advance of the June meeting.

The Tokelau immigration division is part of the Department of Transport & Support Services, and consists of six staff, three which are based in our office in Apia, and one on each atoll (Fakaofu, Nukunonu, and Atafu). We have approximately 300 – 350 numbers of visitors per year, mostly those coming to provide development infrastructure and advisory services, and some who visit for the purpose of pursuing hobbies

Our visa processing and databases are based in Apia, and we have close collaboration with the Samoa Immigration department as the main port of arrival and departure.

We are part of the Immigration New Zealand *Hakili Matagi* programme, where our staffs are focussing on professionalising the organisation, developing policies, and managing our data analysis.

We hope to gain from joining the PIDC membership – participate in information sharing, learn from your workshops, and participate in discussions regarding best practise at your Regular Annual Meeting.

We are willing to pay the membership contribution fee annually.

Please contact us if there is any further information you require in advance of making your decision regarding Tokelau's proposed membership of the PIDC.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Pedro

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Cc: Chair – Nemani Vuniwaqa, Fiji Immigration
Cc: PIDC Head of Secretariat – Ioane Alama
Cc: Simona Mei – Director of Transport and Support Services