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2019 Regular Annual Meeting

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Agenda item 26: Integrated Border Management Systems of the Future

Proposed Recommendations

The PIDC Regular Annual Meeting is invited to:

- a) **welcome** the presentation provided by the International Organisation for Migration regarding integrated border management systems of the future;
 - b) **note** the key issues raised and the possible impacts to PIDC Members and the regional environment; and
 - c) **task** the Secretariat to engage with partner organisations to highlight technological advances that may impact PIDC Members and their operations in the next 5 to 10 years.
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Purpose

This session features a presentation by the International Organisation for Migration and looks to a possible future operational environment for PIDC Members.

Background

2. PIDC Members face an everchanging global and regional environment complicated by evolving international legal frameworks, shifting security threats, and rapidly changing technological and communication advances. The rapid growing number of international travellers and cargo consignments coupled with the often static growth of border enforcement personnel has required agencies to work smarter and explore new technologies and operational approaches.

3. One such approach is the Integrated Border Management concept which often requires that all competent authorities work together cooperating not only across national agencies but across borders as well. This approach focuses on cooperation at the intra-agency, inter-agency and international levels. While this approach is often resource intensive, this need not necessarily be the case.

4. PIDC has invited IOM to discuss possible future systems and Members are encouraged to explore possible new approaches that could currently seem impossible to implement. Technological advances in particular which at this time may seem cost restrictive may become feasible in the future and panellists will be invited to share their experiences and thoughts to guide our discussions.

5. Members are also invited to consider that the Framework for Pacific Regionalism and the Pacific Plan both called for enhanced collaboration as a means to maximise use of limited regional resources. Therefore, while many possible integrated border solutions may currently seem impossible, Members are invited to note the strong political and geographical links of the PIDC family and also the growing coordination of regional security activities through the PIDC Memorandum of Arrangement on Immigration Information Sharing, the regional law enforcement Declaration of Partnership, and the Boe Declaration on Regional Security.

Financial Implications

6. There are no financial implications for any activities identified under this agenda item for the 2019/20 Budget although Members may propose specific activities as a result of discussions. The Secretariat proposes that a desktop study with larger PIDC Members and partner organisations be undertaken to determine possible technological advances that may impact on PIDC Members and their operations.