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9TH CONFERENCE OF THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY
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RESOLUTION ON THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY POLICY ON MEMBERSHIP AND OBSERVER STATUS

The Conference of the Pacific Community,

Accepting the 1983 Resolution of the 23rd South Pacific Conference (Saipan Resolution) that expanded the membership of SPC to include all current members including some countries and territories that had not at the time individually acceded to the Canberra Agreement,

Wishing to accord recognition to the status of all current members of SPC, in particular those that had not individually acceded to the Canberra Agreement prior to the 1983 Resolution, and to clarify their ongoing role in the Pacific Community,

Acknowledging the difficulties in amending the Canberra Agreement to create an associate member category, and CRGA 44's endorsement of the secretariat's proposal to establish, as a matter of policy, a permanent observer category,

Resolves as follows,

1. The attached Policy on Membership and Observer Status is adopted by the members of the Pacific Community.
 2. The new Policy on Membership and Permanent Observer Status of the Pacific Community supersedes all prior policies and resolutions on membership and observers.
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