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**FORTY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS**
(Alofi, Niue, 31 October – 2 November 2015)

AGENDA ITEM 9.1 B: RENEWAL OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

(Paper presented by the secretariat)

Summary

1. The Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) was appointed on 9 October 2012.
2. CRGA 42 approved a tenure of three years for committee members and noted that the term of the ARC appointed in October 2012 would conclude on 31 December 2015.
3. The committee has met regularly over this period and has provided invaluable guidance to the secretariat on issues falling within the ARC mandate.
4. The secretariat considers that the current ARC has now developed in-depth insight into SPC and that it would be highly advantageous, for reasons of continuity and quality of advice, to reappoint the current committee members for a further three years.

Recommendation

5. CRGA is invited to consider reappointing the current members of the Audit and Risk Committee for a further three-year term, from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2018.
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Background

6. The ARC Charter was approved by CRGA 41 and since then the committee has advised the secretariat and CRGA on the organisation's financial reporting process, system of internal control, audit process, risk management, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.
7. The 7th Conference of the Pacific Community, on the recommendation of CRGA 41, accepted Australia's offer to provide the first Chair of ARC. Australia nominated Mr Alan Gregory Morris for the role and he has served as ARC Chair until now.
8. Following the decision of Conference to delegate authority for appointing the remaining two committee members to the Chair of CRGA 41, and on the recommendation of the ARC Chair and the Director-General, Mr Epa Tuioti (Samoa) and Mr Thomas Govedarica (New Caledonia Chamber of Accounts) were appointed to the ARC on 9 October 2012.
9. The term of the current ARC members will end on 31 December 2015. It is therefore necessary to proceed with renewal of the ARC.
10. In light of the excellent work done by the current ARC members, the understanding they have developed of SPC's systems, challenges and future perspectives, and the constructive relationship they have built with the SPC executive, the secretariat considers that SPC's interests would best be served by reappointing the current members of the ARC, including the Chair, for another three-year term.

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