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1.0 1st Lets Define The Pacific. For this Proposal Geographically- It Is The South Pacific Islands & Australia & New Zealand forming the core of what we are as South Pacific Region which comprises of sub-regions; 1) Melanesia 2) Polynesia 3) Micronesia.

1.1 Colonial Links with United Kingdom; France; United States - some island states & states are still directly governed or have historical links with super states like France in New Caledonia; UK in Solomon Is; NZ, Australia, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Tonga etc; United States with Micronesia.

2. 0 The Pacific Way (the late Ratu Sir KKT Mara), this must define the way forward. In this instance, Pacific Island Leaders including New Zealand & Australia as the key players in determining the way forward. Geographically, these are the ones that knows the South Pacific better. Defence and Security of the Region to be first and foremost. Equal opportunities and respect for human rights must be adhered to.

3. 0 Foreign Funders like European Union or the United Nations must refrain from dominating the discussions. Nor any other major funders to determine the visions of how smaller Pacific Islands in the region must come together.

4.0 Economic relations must be handled with care and consultations conducted at the level conducive to the island leaders and not vice versa. Fiji situations is one that needs to be viewed with extra caution as the current political situation is tilted. It is riddled with alleged corruptions and undesirable with Non-Aligned Nations.

5.0 EU must not push its single currency model into the South Pacific. The Islands states are separated by oceans and trading in same currencies will have little or minimal impact in the region.

6.0 Curbing Terrorism the Region: Case example, Fiji is allegedly said to be a strong entry point for possible terrorism network. Currently, news of fake Fiji passport being printed and sold in Pakistan is a concern. The consolidation of the inner 1% Fiji-Islam agenda post 2006 coup to 2014 Election to 2015 in Fiji must be viewed seriously. Evidence of these are being discussed freely on social media. This must signal the changes in dynamics of the Mohammedian and Singaporean economic model being imposed on the Fiji peoples. How will this impact the plan for regionalism in the region if the Pacific Way is ignored? What will the future of the South Pacific look like?

6.1 Failed States in the region trans-boundary security threats, environment and climate changes, the Pacific Plan, regional interventionism are some important areas that require the leaders in the region to deliberate on.

7.0 Sovereignty of Island States must be respected and protected at all cost as these can cause deep divisions which then will cause the island States to look elsewhere for support as in the case of Fiji looking to China, India and other Non-Aligned Nations. This as a result brings with it added

security risks to the region.

8.0 A regional approach similar to RAMSI could be adopted to assist security in the region. This will enable the region to strengthen its existing Pacific Plan and rehash it to meet the evolving needs of the people in the region. Cross border threats and cyber threats to be closely monitored.

9.0 Indigenous Peoples & Resources from within the South Pacific Region must be respected and factored in at all levels of the Regional Conversation, after all the Treaties and Deed of Cessions were signed by these Indigenous Chiefs and Forefathers from these South Pacific Islands. A case example is Fiji Indigenous Peoples Issues and Resources are being compromised with the excuse to advance Fiji to a new Fiji when in essence it is more to introduce strong Fiji-Islam representations into Fiji under the sunset clause articulated by Aiyaz Saiyed-Khaiyum in his master thesis. This meant the de- construction of the Indigene Fijian structures at all levels. This must stop as it creates a new level of threat within a nation state and ultimately has a flow-on effect to other parts of the region in view of the islands close proximity to each other.

10.0 Civil Societies, Religious Organisations and Non-Governmental Organisations also play a vital role in moving the South Pacific Region forward. Voices of the Pacific Peoples must be listened to at all levels from schools through to young adults to Senior Citizens from within the Region. All societies must have respect for each other and exercise tolerance, inclusiveness, equity and equality for all Pacific peoples.

In closing, above are the 10 Point Plans we wish to submit as our contribution from a Fiji perspectives. We believe the above points will contribute to the regional initiatives being undertaken in 2015 and aligns with the core values of the Framework which underpins the PIF policy and implementation program.

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