

**STATEMENT BY PARTICIPANTS TO THE PACIFIC REGION CAPACITY BUILDING  
AND AWARENESS RAISING WORKSHOP ON ABS**

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Following the briefing on the Nagoya Protocol, participants from the Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu

**Noted** the need to promote the early entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing

**Agreed** to take measures in their countries to initiate key processes to facilitate signature and ratification of the Nagoya Protocol

**Welcomed** the EU contribution to the ABS Capacity Development Initiative allowing the Initiative to broaden its regional scope to include the Pacific Region

and in so doing the participants

**Requested** the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), to provide further assistance in the organisation of capacity building and awareness raising activities on the Nagoya Protocol in the Pacific Region and

**Requested further** that the ABS Capacity Development Initiative expedite the roll out of its programme to assist, in collaboration with SPREP and other relevant partners and donors in the region, countries of the Pacific region with the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol by developing and implementing national ABS policies and measures and by developing together with the private sector and relevant research institutions best practices in relation to bioprospecting activities.