

5TH INITIATIVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - RESOLUTIONS

Remote Teleconference

15 October 2018

The IEC resolved the following matters during the 5th PJSI Initiative Executive Committee Meeting held remotely via teleconference on 15 October, 2018:

Resolution 1:

The IEC **noted** and **approved** the PJSI Team's Progress Report and acknowledged the progress made under the PJSI to-date.

Resolution 2:

The IEC **noted** the positive response and indication of participation from Fiji in the PJSI. Further the meeting **endorsed** an approach of gradual re-engagement with the Fiji Courts, beginning with PJSI extending an invitation to Chief Justice Gates to attend the Fifth *Chief Justices' Leadership Forum* in Koror, Palau from 1-3 April, 2019. Any significant level of support to Fiji would require an additional budget allocation.

Resolution 3:

The IEC **approved** any underspends at the end of the 3-year contract period will be rolled over and used to support activities in the extension phase, should an extension occur.

Resolution 4:

The IEC **noted** and **approved** the PJSI Team's Budget Report. Further the IEC **noted** that there are potential areas of expenditure uncertainty, and that further underspends may result from these.

Resolution 5:

The IEC **noted** the update from MFAT on the delayed timing of Mid-Term Review, which is now expected to be completed by end-March 2019. It was further **resolved** that the delay in timing will significantly impact on the strategic continuity of the Initiative. It was further **resolved** that the Chair will discuss this matter with Chief Justices from across the region and, if agreed, communicate these concerns directly to MFAT.

Resolution 6:

The IEC **noted** the enquiry of Chief Justice Elias of New Zealand to align the Fourth Chief Justices' Leadership Meeting with the Legal Research Foundation Conference. It was **resolved** that it was not possible to re-schedule the planned *Chief Justices' Leadership Forum*. The PJSI Team was **requested** to circulate the Legal Research Foundation Conference Agenda to all Chief Justices across the Pacific, and to provide support via the Leadership Incentive Fund (if required) to enable interested partner courts to participate in this conference.

Resolution 7:

The IEC **approved** the publication of PJSI materials developed, on the website.

Resolution 8:

The IEC **confirmed** that the next: *Chief Justices' Leadership Forum* will be held between 1-3 April, 2019; and *IEC Meeting* will be held on 4 April, 2019 - both in Koror, Palau.