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### *Importance of regional voices in addressing the successes and challenges of UNCAC after 20 years*

As a regional chapter of the Global Organisation of Parliamentarians Against Corruption, GOPAC Oceania submits this written report to address the importance of regional voices in addressing the successes and challenges of UNCAC after 20 years in existence.

Just as the 190 signatories to UNCAC are diverse member States, so are the regions they come from. The Pacific countries of Oceania and their Parliaments believe very strongly in supporting the Pacific way, of coming to consensus after respectful dialogue. This approach saw the 18 members and 14 States Parties of the Pacific Islands Forum adopt the Teieniwa Vision as their regional anti-corruption roadmap in 2021.

Pacific Island Forum leaders met in the Cook Islands in November 2023 to confirm their 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent. GOPAC Oceania has advocated strongly for the implementation of Teieniwa Vision and the need to prioritise the governance tools in their anti-corruption roadmap to make sure the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent can bring full benefits for Pacific peoples.

The 2050 Strategy which Leaders have adopted references governance 17 times - we need the implementation tools of the Teieniwa Vision roadmap to get the new Strategy working as soon as possible. Our Pacific Presidents, Premiers and Prime Ministers need to appreciate that we cannot address climate change, gender-based violence or education needs without ensuring good governance is in place to ensure efficient use of funding and skills.

The 2050 Strategy is an excellent long-term guide for the real priority issues for our Pacific communities - but without good governance and corruption proofing we won't be able to successfully implement the short-term and medium-term initiatives needed.

The Teieniwa Vision, drafted in Kiribati in 2020, was adopted by Forum Leaders in 2021 as the Pacific region's roadmap on anti-corruption, localising tools and strategies from the UN Convention Against Corruption, which all Pacific countries have now ratified.

The November 52nd biannual meeting of Pacific leaders in the Cook Islands aimed to be action and future oriented with a focus on Implementation of the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent. GOPAC Oceania welcomes the Leaders Communique which commits the PIF Secretariat to focus on setting up a taskforce to implement Teieniwa Vision. "Leaders noted the update on the Teieniwa Vision, including the proposal to establish a Taskforce to oversee its implementation, and commended Kiribati for its continued leadership on anticorruption in the Pacific."

GOPAC Oceania believes we need real action on Teieniwa Vision priorities such as right to information, robust anti-corruption bodies and National Anti-Corruption Strategies, whistleblower protection and

whole of society engagement on corruption prevention with parliamentarians, CSOs, the private sector and other stakeholders.

Lord Fusitu'a, Chair of the Oceania region of the Global Organisation of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC); Board Member, GOPAC.

Teieniwa Vision can be found at:

[https://www.unodc.org/roseap/uploads/documents/pacific/2021/Teieniwa\\_Vision\\_PUAC\\_post\\_LEADER\\_S.FINAL.pdf](https://www.unodc.org/roseap/uploads/documents/pacific/2021/Teieniwa_Vision_PUAC_post_LEADER_S.FINAL.pdf)

The 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent:

<https://www.forumsec.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Annex-A-2050-Strategy-Implementation-Plan-2023-20230.pdf>