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I INTRODUCTION

Malo e Lelei,

- 1 On behalf of the Attorney General's Office of the Kingdom of Tonga, I have the distinct pleasure of presenting the Kingdom of Tonga's Country Report for 2015 to distinguished colleagues attending the 34th Pacific Islands Law Officers' Network Meeting here in Honiara, Solomon Islands.
- 2 First of all I would like to offer the sincere gratitude of the Tongan delegation to our gracious hosts, the Attorney General's Chamber and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, for their warm hospitality, and generous arrangements offered to my delegation during our stay here in the Solomon Islands. I congratulate you both and your staff working tirelessly behind the scenes for the excellent arrangements.
- 3 May I also commend your choice of the meeting theme of "Protecting Natural Resources: Regional Strategies" as a relevant and timely theme, considering the state of the planet today, and also efforts of leaders of the world to preserve and sustain the environment for the generations of the future. No doubt the best regional strategy is cooperation and collaboration, and also understanding and agreeing on universal goals regarding the environment.
- 4 The highlight for Tonga in 2015 was the election of a new Government that came into office in January 2015, and as expected, the new Government had new views of the legal sector. The challenge therefore for the Office was managing the change of political personnel and their approaches and views regarding legal matters, in order to maintain legal stability and consistency within the legal sector, and thus the Kingdom as a whole. Unfortunately, the need for management of the new Government has been evident and public with regards to prosecution independence and the independence of the Attorney General.
- 5 The Courts continued to cope with a high number of cases, and the shift of the criminal workload from the Supreme Court to the Magistrates Court. Lord Chief Justice Owen

Paulsen took office in February 2015, two new magistrates were appointed, and a new Chief Executive Officer for Justice was appointed.

- 6 The Office managed to process a few Government legislation, which was less in number than previous years. It is expected however that there would be more in the second year of the current Government's political life.
- 7 With regards to PILON's priority legal issues, Tonga remains committed to the combatting of corruption, the eradication of sexual and gender based violence and the investigation and prosecution of illegal fishing.
- 8 The Office continues to provide legal support to other Government Ministries and Agencies with their internal law commitments, especially in the areas of climate change, international trade, cyber-challenges, human rights, and maritime issues.
- 9 It is hoped that this report will provide useful information to colleagues in PILON, and an insight on the developments and challenges of the Tongan legal sector.
- 10 We hope that the discussions and activities both within this Network and also individually will continue to reap success for us all collectively and individually in the provision of legal services to our respective peoples.
- 11 I wish all distinguished colleagues a very Merry Christmas, and may you all receive many more blessings for the New Year 2016!

Malo 'aupito,



'Aminiasi Kefu

Acting Attorney General and Director of Public Prosecutions

9 December 2015

II TONGA'S LEGAL SECTOR

12 Tonga's legal sector is projected in the diagram set out in **Annex 1**.

13 Since the last Country Report in 2015, there have been no changes in the structure, but new appointments have been made to the offices of Lord Chief Justice, Police Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer for Justice, and also new Magistrates were appointed.

A New Minister for Justice

14 In January 2015 a new Minister for Justice was appointed. Hon Sione Vuna Fa'otusia is a former senior public servant and overseas qualified law practitioner, and senior partner of Fakahua Fa'otusia Law Office.

B New Lord Chief Justice

15 In February 2015, the new Lord Chief Justice took office. He is Owen Paulsen, formerly a partner and head of litigation of the Christchurch commercial law firm Cavell Leith Law. He holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Auckland and a Masters of Law degree with First Class of Honours from the University of Auckland.

C The Attorney General, Solicitor General and Director of Public Prosecutions

16 The office of Attorney General remains vacant. Amendments to the Constitution and subsequent amendments to reflect the transfer of criminal prosecutions from the Attorney General to the Director of Public Prosecutions was refused Royal Assent on the legally dubious rationale that a different Legislative Assembly and Cabinet had processed and approved these amendments. The result is that the legislation will be re-processed for approval by the new Legislative Assembly and Cabinet, which were appointed after the national elections in November 2014.

17 The Director of Public Prosecutions ('DPP') continues to be responsible for criminal prosecutions under a delegation of the Attorney General. Since the DPP is also the Acting

Attorney General, and due to the workload and experience within the office, the DPP also provides direction for civil and land cases involving the Crown.

- 18 Due to the limited number of Crown counsel, the Director of Public Prosecutions is currently housed in the Attorney General's Office, and so Crown counsel also perform the role of Crown prosecutors.

D New Chief Executive Officer for Justice

- 19 In July 2015, the Public Service Commission appointed a new Chief Executive Officer for Justice, Ms Mele Vaitohi. Ms Vaitohi is a former legal officer of the Ministry of Justice and a Crown counsel in the Attorney General's Office, and was also a senior lecturer at the Emalus Campus of the University of the South Pacific School of Law. Ms Vaitohi replaced Ms Susana Faletau, whose contract expired in February 2015.

E New Police Commissioner

- 20 In 2015, His Majesty the King in Privy Council, after receiving advice from the Judicial Appointments and Discipline Panel, appointed a new Police Commissioner, Mr Steve Caldwell, who was formerly with New Zealand Police, and had served mainly as the District Commander in the Nelson/Marlborough District, and also in Bougainville and East Timor. Mr Caldwell replaced Mr Grant O'Fee who had resigned due to personal circumstances.

F New Magistrates

- 21 In January 2015, two new Magistrates were appointed to the Magistrates Court. Magistrate Lataimanamo'ui Kaufusi is a former public servant and locally qualified law practitioner of more than 20 years. Magistrate Peni Ma'u is a former military officer and public servant of more than 20 years.

III MAJOR LAW AND JUSTICE SECTOR ACHIEVEMENTS

22 The major law and justice achievements in 2015 were:

(1) Legal Reform

- Updating of Tonga Law Reports to Tonga Law Reports 2014;

(2) Judicial Reform

- Judicial orientation training for current magistrates and aspiring law practitioners with Pacific Judicial Development Program;
- Judicial training for magistrates

IV SIGNIFICANT COURT DECISIONS

23 The following are some of the significant Court decisions in 2015:

(1) Cauchi v Judicial Appointments and Discipline Panel, AC 33/14

This was an appeal to the Court of Appeal by the former Attorney General, Mr John Cauchi, against a ruling by the Supreme Court dismissing his application for judicial review. The Appellant had filed a civil action against the Crown for constructive dismissal before the former Lord Chief Justice. The former Lord Chief Justice rules that a jury would determine questions of facts, and that he would determine liability. The Appellant did not agree with this and lodged a disciplinary complaint against the Lord Chief Justice with the Judicial Appointments and Discipline Panel. The Panel dismissed the appeal because the civil claim was still at foot. The Appellant then lodged a judicial review application which was refused by another Supreme Court judge. The Appellant then successfully appealed to the Court of Appeal, and the Appellant's complaint was ordered to be re-instated before the Panel to fully consider. The Panel has considered the complaint and its decision is reserved. Meanwhile, the substantive legal action against the Crown will be re-commenced in the Supreme Court under the new Lord Chief Justice.

(2) Taufa v (1) Tahaafe, (2) Minister of Lands, AC 30/14

This was an appeal to the Court of Appeal from a decision of the Land Court not to allow a claim by an elder brother to land because ether elder brother had lost his Tongan nationality before the National Act was amended in 2007 to allow for dual citizenship. The Court of Appeal ruled that only Tongans can hold land, and that the elder brother had lost his right to hold land in Tonga when he naturalised as a United States citizen before 2007.

(3) Lavulavu v Latu and anor, AC 11/15

This was an appeal to the Court of Appeal from a decision of the Supreme Court disallowing the Appellant from electing for a trial jury in an election petition case. The Court of Appeal agreed with the Lord Chief Justice that there is no right to a jury trial in an election petition cases made under the Electoral Act.

(4) Public Service Association Incorporated and anor v Lord Tu'ivakano and anor, AC 5/15

This was an appeal to the Court of Appeal from a decision of the Supreme Court dismissing an application by the Appellants to remove to the Supreme Court a complex defamation case that was on foot at the Magistrate's Court. The Court of Appeal ruled that the Supreme Court had a power to remove a case from the Magistrate's Court to the Supreme Court, and the defamation case was accordingly removed.

(5) Public Service Association Incorporated and anor v Kingdom of Tonga and anor, AC 9/15

This was an appeal to the Court of Appeal against a decision of the Supreme Court ordering the Appellants to each pay \$20,000.00 as security for costs. The Court of Appeal allowed the appeal, and the security costs order was set aside.

(6) Friendly Islands Satellite Communications Limited v Pohiva and ors, AC 14/15

This was an appeal to the Court of Appeal from a decision of the Supreme Court to lift a restraining order issued against the Respondents regarding the publication

of tax information regarding the Appellant. The Court of Appeal dismissed the appeal and held that the Supreme Court had exercised its discretion properly.

V LAW REFORM: LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME

A The 2015 Laws

24 The year 2015 was not a very busy legislative year mainly because of the new Cabinet.

25 Annex 2 sets out the laws that the Office processed for enactment on behalf of Government.

26 The legislation enacted in 2015 are summarised as follows:

- the Legislative Assembly passed 15 Acts;
- 12 Acts have been granted Royal Assent, and have been promulgated to come into force;
- 3 Acts are awaiting processing to His Majesty for Royal Assent;
- Certain executive authorities made 7 subsidiary legislation.

27 The significant legislation passed was the new Statistics Act to support the Statistics Department, and also a new Receivership Act which will regulate receivership actions.

28 Certain factions of the community are utilising their rights under clause 8 of the Constitution to petition His Majesty the King in relation to new laws that are enacted by the Legislative Assembly and before receiving Royal Assent. Legislation subject to petition are therefore deferred from the King for further consultation to ensure consensus and understanding, before they are re-submitted for Royal Assent. The Office is working to have a closer consultation relationship with His Majesty's personal legal advisors, the Law Lords, in order to avoid any frustration of Government's efforts to enact laws.

B Legislative Drafting in the Office

- 29 The Office's legislative drafting team was led by the Acting Attorney General and supported by the Solicitor General, one Senior Crown Counsel, one Assistant Crown Counsel and two translators.
- 30 Two Crown counsel completed the legislative drafting training for the Post-Graduate Diploma in Legislative Drafting, offered by the University of the South Pacific, making it 11 Crown counsel now who hold a Post Graduate Diploma in Legislative Drafting.
- 31 The Office continues to benefit from the efficiency and effectiveness of its electronic legislative template developed for drafting Tongan laws. All the laws are published in the website www.crownlaw.gov.to/cms, in both final and draft form. The public and relevant stakeholders are notified of new laws through the relevant Ministry and through email notifications from the Office. Where necessary, the Office has published in the local newspapers the new laws that are being processed or have been enacted for public submissions or dissemination.
- 32 The Office has also utilised social media through a Facebook page and a twitter account to provide updates on new laws, and other activities of the Office.
- 33 However, the main challenges in the Office's legislative drafting programme continue to be the time required to translate laws into Tongan, and also meeting Government's changing legislative priorities.
- 34 Work continues on the finalisation of the consolidation of the laws of Tonga up to 2015. Since the resignation of the Attorney General, he has agreed to continue to drive the consolidation process. We are now hoping that the consolidation would be completed by end of 2016.

VI LEGAL SECTOR ISSUES

35 The challenges faced by the Tongan legal sector are as follows:

The Judiciary

- (1) New appointments were made to the judiciary with the appointment of the new Lord Chief Justice Owen Paulsen from Christchurch, New Zealand, and also two new Magistrates.
- (2) Apart from the resources constraints, the main challenge for the judiciary is recruiting well qualified and experienced magistrates.
- (3) The judiciary is working on establishing the appropriate terms and conditions for the employment of magistrates, including raising the remuneration levels.
- (4) Formal judicial training is also a priority.

Attorney General's Office

- (5) The Office has faced a number of challenges in 2015 due to interference with its independence in criminal matters and also the operations of its office. The issue is being managed appropriately in order to avoid a full public confrontation with the Cabinet.
- (6) The Office has also been challenged in providing representation to official regional and international meetings to support other ministries. **Annex 3** sets out the training and international meetings that the Office attended.
- (7) The Office is still; awaiting confirmation of the adoption of the recommendation from the Remuneration Authority regarding the remuneration for its legal staff.
- (8) Three returning scholars joined the Office as new Crown counsel at the Assistant Crown Counsel level, taking the legal staff to 16, which the highest number of Crown counsel ever. The Office still requires more staff to perform its duties and functions.

Tonga Police

- (9) The new Police Commissioner Steve Caldwell of Christchurch, New Zealand and formerly of New Zealand Police took office in April 2015. Tonga Police continue to benefit from the tri-partite development programme provided by Australia, New Zealand, and Tonga, and the main issue is training for its investigators. Training for prosecutors is being organised to be provided jointly with the Attorney General's Office.

Contact Details

- (10) **Annex 4** contains contact details for officers in the Ministry of Justice, the Attorney General's Office and the Director of Public Prosecutions.

VII PILON LEGAL POLICY AGENDA: UPDATE

A Corruption and Proceeds of Crime

- 36 Tonga remains committed to fighting corruption at all levels of society.
- 37 There has been no prosecution of any high ranking public official for corruption related matters this year.
- 38 There has been no proceeds of crimes recovery in relation to corruption.
- 39 Legislation reform enacted in 2015 was refused Royal Assent, and those changes are now being re-drafted for re-processing.
- 40 Corruption remains unreported and based on rumours and there are instances that there have been investigation but no concrete evidence has been discovered. There is yet to be any whistle-blower legislation enacted.
- 41 There are however three cases that are corruption related that are and have being prosecuted. Two cases involve identity fraud using a passport and birth certificate for Asian persons, and one case involves staff of the magistrates Court and Ministry of

Justice. An officer from the Ministry of Commerce and Labour was convicted for misappropriating licensing fees.

- 42 One matter that the Office is looking into is the recent reports of nepotism against a Cabinet Minister, who has been disciplined by the Prime Minister. The Office is currently looking at the Auditor General's report regarding this matter to assess whether there is a case there to investigate or prosecute.
- 43 Recruitment of an Anti-Corruption Commission is on-going and the issue remaining is the sourcing of appropriate remuneration. However, the Attorney General's Office and the Tonga Police are the de facto anti-corruption agencies, with the support of related agencies such as the Transaction Reporting Authority (FIU), Public Service Commission and Audit Office.
- 44 The Government is still considering ratification of the UN Convention against Corruption. Assistance is being provided by the UNDP to assist the Kingdom to consider the ratification of UNCAC.
- 45 Tonga has applied to be a member of the ARIN-AP Network after the PILON Corruption and Proceeds of Crime Working Group meeting in October 2015, and the Office has appointed an officer to deal with Asset Recovery.

B Sexual and Gender based Violence

- 46 Tonga continues to implement and enforce the Family Protection Act since it came into force on 1 July 2014. The main issue is Tonga Police understanding the legislation and also Tonga Police prosecutors understanding the charges to be laid, and also the issuing of Police safety orders by first responders to domestic violence incidents. Conviction is reported to be high as offenders usually plead guilty at first instance, and receive suspended imprisonment sentences and community service orders.
- 47 The Acting Attorney General and Director of Public Prosecutions continues to be a member of the Pacific Island Forum Secretariat's Reference Group on Sexual and Gender based Violence.

48 The Acting Attorney General and Director of Public Prosecutions chaired the meeting of the PILON Working Group on sexual and gender based violence and will report on the work of the Working Group on the implementation of domestic violence legislation.

C Illegal Fishing

49 Since 2009, the Kingdom has yet to detect or seize any illegal, unregulated and unlicensed fishing vessels.

50 There has also been no legislative reform since the enactment of the Fisheries Management Act in 2002, and after it came into force in 2004.

51 Maritime surveillance continues to be provided by the Tonga Navy of the Tonga Defence Services, with support from the Australian Defence Forces, and through a ship riding agreement with the United States. Surveillance by the Ministry of Fisheries is also conducted on the coastlines and local fishing markets and fishing establishments.

52 Illegal fishing has been closer to the land with regards to the fishing of sea cucumber and their processing into bechdemer. This is a multi-million dollar industry, which provides quick money at enormous amounts to Tongan fishermen, and which has resulted in illegal fishing by Tongans using illegal equipment, and the commission of related crimes such as the kidnapping and unlawful imprisonment of competitors, armed robbery, bodily harm and other unlawful activities, motivated by competing Chinese companies. There has also been corruption from the Fisheries officers, with one receiving a free trip to China for medical treatment and other favours, in exchange for preferential treatment offered to a Chinese business.

53 The Attorney General's Office is working with law enforcement agencies to address this growing criminal concern from the sea cucumber industry.

VIII INTERNATIONAL LAW

54 The Attorney General's Office has been heavily involved in international law matters for Government. The following are the pertinent international law matters:

(1) Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering

The Office represented the Kingdom in the Annual General Meeting that was held in Macao China. Tonga is co-leading two typologies projects on transshipment of illicit drugs through the Pacific with Vanuatu and the recovery of proceeds of crimes from corruption with Papua New Guinea. The Acting Attorney General and Director of Public Prosecutions continues to be the chairman of the Cabinet Committee on Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Activities.

(2) Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime

The Council of Europe has invited Tonga to be the first Pacific Islands to sign the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime. As a result the Acting Attorney General and Director of Public Prosecutions has been invited to attend the 12 Plenary Meeting of the Cybercrime Convention Committee, and also the Global Action on Cybercrime Project (GLACY Project) Steering Committee Meeting, to be held on 1 – 3 December 2014 in Strasbourg, France. Tonga will receive technical assistance and training on cybercrime initiatives.

(3) International Seabed Authority

The Office has for the first time attended the meeting of state parties to the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and also the annual meeting of the International Seabed Authority in Kingston, Jamaica.

(4) Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

The Office provided legal support to the Government delegation that submitted Tonga's second claim to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

(5) Commonwealth Secretariat

The Office represented Tonga to the Commonwealth Secretariat's Working Group on Virtual Currencies. This was a continuation of Tonga's interest in cybercrime work of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

IX LEGAL SECTOR INITIATIVE/PROJECTS

55 The following were the legal sector initiatives for 2014:

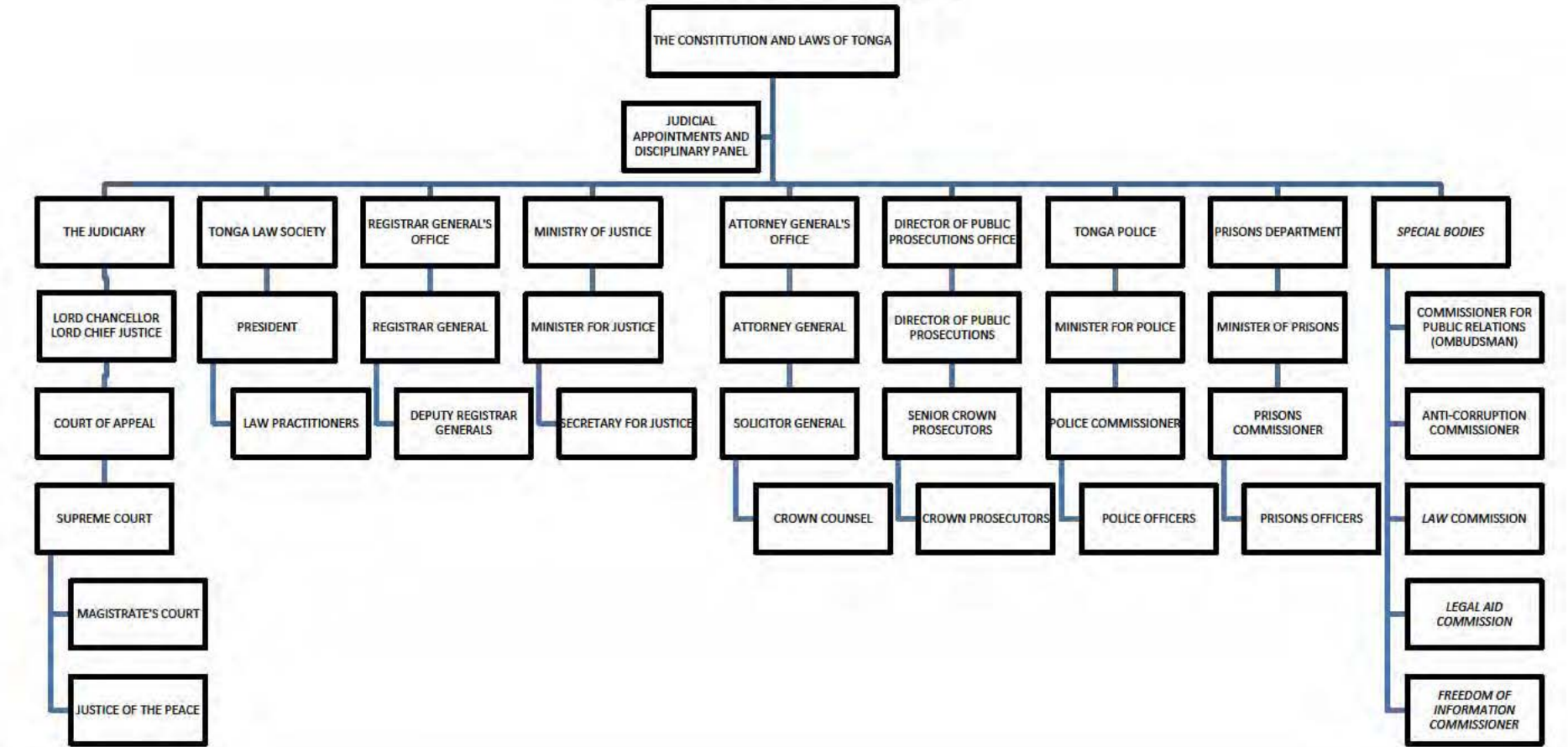
(1) Tonga Law Reports

The Office has updated the Tonga Law Reports to 2014, and is being processed for legislation. Thereafter, the Tonga Law Reports will be printed annually in the second quarter of every year.

(2) 8th Annual Law Week 2015

In the first week of November 2014, the Office conducted the 8th Annual Law Week, with a theme of "Law and Rights of Parties in Courts". The focus was on educating and reminding the public of their rights in Court when they appear as a party in criminal, civil, land and family matters. The Office published in the main newspapers a list of the Court rights, and also conducted five day radio talkback during the week which proved very popular with national and international listeners, although most of the questions sought clarification on titles to land and succession, and also adoptions and guardianships.

ANNEX 1
TONGA'S LEGAL SECTOR



ANNEX 2
2015 LEGISLATION

2015 ACTS	
(1)	Westpac Bank of Tonga (Amendment) Act 2015
(2)	Westpac Bank of Tonga (Repeal) Act 2015
(3)	2015/2016 Appropriation Act 2015
(4)	Public Service (Amendment) Act 2015
(5)	Foreign Exchange Levy Bill 2015
(6)	Statistics Act 2015
(7)	Environment Management (Amendment) Act 2015
(8)	<i>Receivership Act 2015 *</i>
(9)	Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2015
(10)	Income Tax (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 2015
(11)	Criminal Offences (Amendment) Act 2015
(12)	Illicit Drugs Control (Amendment) Act 2015
(13)	Magistrates Court (Amendment) Act 2015
(14)	<i>Communications Act 2015 *</i>
(15)	<i>Communications Commission Act 2015 *</i>

* Awaiting Royal Assent

2014 SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION	
(1)	National Retirement Benefits Fund (Amendment) Regulations 2015
(2)	National Retirement Benefits Scheme (Election) (Repeal) Regulations 2015
(3)	Customs Duty (Amendment) Order 2015
(4)	Excise Tax (Amendment) Order 2015
(5)	Traffic (Amendment) Regulations 2015
(6)	Revenue Services Administration (Amendment) Regulations 2015
(7)	Public Procurement Regulations 2015

ANNEX 3

NATIONAL AND OVERSEAS TRAINING

DATE	MEETING	VENUE	AGO PARTICIPANT
18-22 May 2015	SPC-EU Deep Sea Minerals Project 6 Regional Training Workshop on Deep Sea Mineral Policy Formulation and Legislative Drafting	Apia, Samoa	‘Akanesi Katoa, Assistant Crown Counsel
25-29 May 2015	Pacific Ocean Alliance Meeting on Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction	Suva, Fiji	Rose Kautoke, Assistant Crown Counsel
10-12 August 2015	Inter-Regional Specialised Workshop on Illicit Finance and Criminal and Terrorist Network	Miami, Florida, USA	Tevita ‘Aho, Assistant Crown Counsel
26-28 August 2015	Seminar and Regional Workshop on the Role of the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea	Bali, Indonesia	Sione Sisifa, Solicitor General
18-29 August 2015	Sub-Regional Cybercrime Legislation Workshop	Suva, Fiji	Leotrina Macomber, Crown Counsel
12 October – 4 December 2015	Internship Pacific Legal Policy Twinning Programme	Canberra, Australia	‘Akanesi Katoa, Assistant Crown Counsel
16-19 November 2015	2 nd Regional Prosecutors and MCS Advisors Course	Honiara, Solomon Islands	‘Elisapeti Langi, Assistant Senior Crown Counsel

23-27 November 2015	14 th Pacific Islands Countries Advanced Article 76 and Maritime Boundaries Working Session	Sydney, Australia	Rose Kautoke, Assistant Crown Counsel
26 November to 2 December 2015	PILON Litigation Skills Programme 2015	Apia, Samoa	Juliana Lutui, Crown Counsel Marina Moa, Assistant Crown Counsel

NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

DATE	MEETING	VENUE	AGO PARTICIPANT
11-15 February 2015	Submission of Tonga's Second Claim to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf	New York, New York, USA	'Aminiasi Kefu, Acting Attorney General and Director of Public Prosecutions
17-18 February 2015	Commonwealth Cybercrime Initiative Virtual Currencies Round Table	London, England, United Kingdom	'Aminiasi Kefu, Acting Attorney General and Director of Public Prosecutions
17-21 May 2015	MILOPS International Military Operations and Law Conference	Auckland, New Zealand	Sione Sisifa, Solicitor General
3 June 2015	Pacific Islands Forum Working Group on Counter-Terrorism	Suva, Fiji	Leotrina Macomber, Crown Counsel
4 -5 June 2015	Forum Regional Security Committee Meeting	Suva, Fiji	Leotrina Macomber, Crown Counsel

8-11 June 2015	PILON Sexual and Gender Based Violence Working Group Meeting	Suva, Fiji	‘Aminiasi Kefu, Acting Attorney General and Director of Public Prosecutions Marina Moa, Assistant Crown Counsel
15-19 June 2015	Global Action on Cybercrime (GLACY) and Meeting of the Cybercrime Convention (T-CY) and OCTOPUS Conference	Strasbourg, France	‘Aminiasi Kefu, Acting Attorney General and Director of Public Prosecutions Leotrina Macomber, Crown Counsel
6-24 July 2015	21 st Annual Session of the International Seabed Authority	Kingston, Jamaica	Rose Kautoke, Assistant Crown Counsel
13-17 July 2015	18 th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering Annual Meeting	Auckland, New Zealand	‘Aminiasi Kefu, Acting Attorney General and Director of Public Prosecutions
20-23 July 2015	4 th Red Cross and Red Crescent International Conference on International	Canberra, Australia	Sione Sisifa, Solicitor General
24-26 August 2015	Meeting of the Commonwealth Secretariat’s Working Group on Virtual Currencies	London, England, United Kingdom	‘Aminiasi Kefu, Acting Attorney General and Director of Public Prosecutions
19 September – 2 October 2015	2015 Meeting of the Pacific Legislative Drafters’ Technical Forum	Apia, Samoa	‘Akanesi Katoa, Assistant Crown Counsel
6-8 October 2015	PILON Corruption and Proceeds of Crime Working Group Meeting	Suva, Fiji	‘Aminiasi Kefu, Acting Attorney General and Director of Public Prosecutions

			Tevita ‘Aho, Assistant Crown Counsel
7-8 October 2015	WTO MC-10 Preparatory Meeting	Port Vila, Vanuatu	Rose Kautoke, Assistant Crown Counsel
30 September – 2 October 2015	Asset Recovery Interagency Network (ARIN-AP) AGM	Sydney, Australia	Tevita ‘Aho, Assistant Crown Counsel
16-20 November 2015	Joint APG/EGMONT Group Seminar Typologies and Capacity Building Workshop of the Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG)	Nepal	Tevita ‘Aho, Assistant Crown Counsel
7-10 December 2015	Pacific Island Law Officers’ Network Meeting	Honiara, Solomon Islands	‘Aminiasi Kefu, Acting Attorney General and Director of Public Prosecutions James Lutui, Senior Crown Counsel Adi Talanaivini Mafi, Legal Officer, Ministry of Justice
23 November to 11 December 2015	UNFCCC Twenty First Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 21), and Eleventh Session Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (2015 Paris Climate Change Conference)	Paris, France,	Sione Sisifa, Solicitor General

ANNEX 4

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