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FROM : MEG TAYLOR, DBE, SECRETARY GENERAL AND PERMANENT CHAIR OF CROP

SUBJECT: **JOINT ADVISORY FROM CROP ON NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (nCoV)**

In light of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (nCoV) outbreak, member agencies of the Council of Regional Organisations of the Pacific (CROP) take this opportunity to advise Members of CROP's collective response.

2. In close cooperation with The Pacific Community (SPC), as the public health lead in the region, and the World Health Organisation (WHO) Representative in the South Pacific, CROP agencies continue to monitor and coordinate information and responses to the nCoV pandemic.
3. CROP agencies stand ready and willing to support Member countries, based on their comparative expertise, resources and networks, in the region's response to nCoV.
4. Guided by their host country's advisory, some CROP agencies have introduced staff travel restrictions, with immediate effect. These measures are consolidated for Members' information on a secure site, which will be updated as required.

Go to: www.forumsec.org/2020-crop-joint-advisory-on-novel-coronavirus/
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5. CROP agencies note that the travel restrictions may impact on the delivery of work programmes and regional meetings. Each agency is working to minimise these impacts and will keep Members updated on any foreseen delays or rescheduling.
6. For any queries, please contact Ms Bethany Sargent, Regional and International Partnerships Adviser, on email, bethanys@forumsec.org and Mr Alifeleti Soakai, Political Issues Adviser, on email, AlifeletiS@forumsec.org.

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