

## **PIF Rules of Procedure**

### **[Adapted from the PIF Charter for use at CASC Summits 2023]**

#### ***Purpose***

The purpose of the Forum is to strengthen regional cooperation and integration, including through the pooling of regional resources of governance and the alignment of policies, in order to further Forum members' shared goals of economic growth, sustainable development, good governance, and security.

#### ***Members***

Australia, the Cook Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu;

#### ***Adding New Members***

States may be admitted to Forum membership with the approval of the Forum Leaders and in accordance with Article XI. Territories in the Pacific islands region may be admitted to associate membership of the Forum, if a request for associate membership is approved by the Forum Leaders. The Forum Leaders may as they see fit invite other territories, and intergovernmental organisations whose membership includes a significant number of Forum members, to be Forum observers. The entitlements of observers shall be determined by the Forum Leaders from time to time.

#### ***Procedure***

At MAIAC, PIF will utilize parliamentary procedure.

#### ***MEMBER STATE REPRESENTATION***

There is no need for a specific quorum to be reached, the ASEAN representative and/or Chairman will ensure there is appropriate representation from all Member States before session begins.

#### ***SPEAKING ORDER***

There is no fixed speaking order. The PIF Chairperson must acknowledge the country prior to the country representative speaking. A speaker's list is strongly encouraged.

#### ***CHAIRPERSON'S TOOLS FOR FACILITATING MEETINGS***

The Chairperson will be facilitating the meetings and to ensure that consensus is built through diplomacy and tact. Conference and committee rules should be used with discretion to resolve any disagreement or negotiation impasse.

#### ***Voting Requirements***

All decisions of the Committee shall be taken by consensus, wherever possible, or if necessary by a majority of the representatives present and voting, except as provided for in Article IX(2) of this Agreement.

Otherwise, the final outcome document should omit the disagreed text.

The votes of each member have equal weight.

If the proposal to amend a resolution receives the support of at least two other members, it is brought to the floor.