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Observer status for the Pacific Community in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled “Observer status for the Pacific Community in the General Assembly” was included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly at the request of Fiji.
2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2014, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.
3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 10th and 18th meetings, on 14 and 23 October 2014. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee’s consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records ([A/C.6/69/SR.10](#) and 18).
4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 25 March 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Fiji to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([A/69/143](#)).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/69/L.3

5. At the 10th meeting, on 14 October, the representative of Fiji, on behalf of Australia, Fiji, France, Kiribati, Micronesia (Federated States of), New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu, introduced a draft resolution entitled “Observer status for the Pacific Community in the General Assembly” ([A/C.6/69/L.3](#)). Subsequently, Cuba, Ireland, the Netherlands and Palau joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.
6. At its 18th meeting, on 23 October, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.6/69/L.3](#) without a vote (see para. 7).

* Reissued for technical reasons on 19 November 2014.



III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the Pacific Community in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Community,

1. *Decides to invite the Pacific Community to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;*
 2. *Requests the Secretary-General to take the action necessary to implement the present resolution.*
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