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**SUB-REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON SPECIAL
MEASURES FOR WOMEN
25 – 26 SEPTEMBER 2008**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Day One – 25 September 2008

Opening of Sub-Regional Workshop on Special Measures

OBJECTIVE:	Why are we having this workshop and what we hope to achieve?	Chair: Mr. Joseph Klapat, Secretary, Department of Community Development
9.00 – 9.20	Welcome remarks	UNIFEM & PIFS
9.20 – 9.35	Official Opening	Rt. Hon. Grand Chief Sir Michael Somare, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea.
9.35 – 10.00	Vote of Thanks	PIFS
10.00 – 10.15	Official Photograph	
10.15-10.30	MORNING TEA	

OBJECTIVE:	To Understand The Needs, Experiences and Expertise of the Workshop's Participants	Chaired by SPC
10.30 – 11.30am	Tour-de-table	Country Delegations <i>10mins per country</i> Development partners & Observers – <i>3- 5 mins per organisation</i>
OBJECTIVE:	To Understand The Reasons for Low Representation of Women in Pacific Legislatures	Chaired by SPC
11:30 – 12.00 pm	Presentation on Special Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of Women's representation in the Pacific • Summary of some reasons for low representation – based on PNG and Solomon Islands diagnostic studies • Analysis of poor election outcomes for women 	IPU Sherrill Whittington John Komoroh, Representative from the PNG Electoral Commission
12.00 – 12.15	Discussion: why are women not being elected?	

12.15 – 1.15pm	LUNCH	
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OBJECTIVE:	To Understand Why We Need Special Measures	UNIFEM
1.15 – 2.00	Why do we need special measures? - international commitments – CEDAW - regional commitments What value do women add when in the legislature?	SPC Dame Carol Kidu
2.00 – 2.15	Discussion	Participants

OBJECTIVE:	To Understand What We Mean by “Special Measures”	PIFS
2.15 – 3.15pm	What do we mean by special measures? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of party lists in proportional rep countries (French territories) • Voluntary party quotas in non-proportional rep countries (e.g. possibly Fiji, Vanuatu, PNG) • Reserved seats (e.g. possibly Solomons, Vanuatu, PNG, Fiji Upper House) 	Rita Taphorn (UNIFEM)
3:00 – 3:15pm	AFTERNOON TEA	

3.15 – 4.00	Continue session....	Continued...
4.00 – 4.45	Legal, Constitutional, Legislative Issues, and policy Implications of Special Measures in the Melanesian States <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A quick overview on what countries might expect to go through when implementing special measures 	Miles Young, IDLO
4.45 – 5.15pm	Discussion and questions	All participants

6.30-8.30	Cocktail Official Launch of Communications Materials hosted by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat Launched by Hon. Dame Carol Kidu, MP and Minister for Community Development	All participants and invited officials
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DAY 2 – 26 September 2008

OBJECTIVE:	To understand current and proposed approaches to Special Measures in the Pacific	Chaired by UNDP Pacific Centre
8:30 – 9:00am	Quick Recap on day 1 1 participant each from Fiji, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu to recap what they thought were the key issues and highlights	Participants
9.00 – 10.30	Presentation on Experiences with Special Measures in the Region and Elsewhere <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Autonomous Region of Bougainville – elected reserved seats • PNG proposal – nominated reserved seats + local govt reservations • PNG NCD proposal • French territories – party lists with proportional representation • Australian – voluntary party quotas with preferential voting • Solomon Islands proposal 	Hon. Francesca Semoso, MP Hon. Dame Carol Kidu, MP Lesley Clerk, former Aust MP Ruth Maetala, Solomon Islands

10:15 – 10:30am	TEA BREAK	
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10.30 – 11.15	Review of options for Melanesian countries, taking into account constitution, party system and electoral system	Chair to summarize here
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OBJECTIVE:	To Develop Country Strategies	Chaired by UNIFEM
11.15 – 1.00pm	<p>Group Work - Country strategies for taking this forward and presentation of appropriate special measures and strategies for engaging with key policy-makers and stakeholders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the discussions above, participants to discuss in country groups special measures appropriate to their countries • Design basic strategies to take selected special measures forward • Actual process in each country for taking special measures forward to implementation, including technical assistance • For countries with strategies in place to share this with participants 	Groups Facilitators

1: – 2.00pm	LUNCH	
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2.00 – 3:30pm	<p>Group Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiji • Solomon Islands • Papua New Guinea • Vanuatu 	
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3:30 – 3:45pm	AFTERNOON TEA	
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3:45 – 4:30pm	<p>Where to from here? – Implications of measures on the ground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorse Outcomes and Next Steps 	Partners Chaired by PIFS
4.30 – 4.45	Wrap Up and Thank You	PIFS