

PILON Work plan – Rarotonga, December 2007

Secretariat

1. Assess the willingness of members to accede to the Rome Statute and the assistance required by members in doing so. The Secretariat will then inquire with donors and other organisations as to available technical assistance and circulate that information to members.
2. Circulate an amended Charter and Rules of Procedure to member countries that were not present at the meeting to finalise the two documents, and coordinate changes as needed. The Secretariat will also request comment on the PILON logo. If no responses are received by 1 February 2008, the draft Charter and Rules of Procedure will be adopted.
3. Identify the gaps in training and capacity building in the region with a view to establishing new programs and opportunities for exchange and attachment, tailored to the needs of Pacific nations.
4. Further develop the PILON website to:
 - a. maintain a list of contact details for senior law officers in a members only area
 - b. establish and maintain up to date information about legislative reform to facilitate information sharing between members, and
 - c. establish a list of, and links to, available legal services for senior legal officers.
5. Identify a host for the 27th meeting to ideally be held in November 2008. The Secretariat will approach member countries absent from the meeting about whether they wish to host the 27th meeting.
6. Develop a discussion paper on the current procedure across the region for the international transfer of offenders, and to examine options for a regional scheme and possibilities to become members of other international schemes.

The Executive Committee will oversee and give directions on the work of the Secretariat.

Committee on extradition and mutual assistance in criminal matters

7. Examine a means of facilitating extradition and mutual assistance across the region with a view to harmonising standards in the region to the extent possible.