



Major General (Ret'd) Ioane Naivalurua Permanent Secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs Fiji (Left), MSG Director General Ambassador Amena Yauvoli (Centre), and Brigadier Sitiveni Qilio, Commissioner of Police Fiji (Right) during the recent signing of the MOU at the Police Headquarters in Suva.

**31 August 2018**

“Today marks a milestone in terms of fostering our collective effort as a sub-region in ensuring

that we make the MSG's presence felt in the international scene." These were the words of Director General of MSG Ambassador Amena Yauvoli during a signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in Suva on Tuesday 28th August to commence preparation for the much-anticipated MSG Formed Police Unit (FPU).

The MOU was a collaborated regional effort from the decisions reached in 2016, during the inaugural Police Minister's Meeting in Nadi, Fiji and its subsequent finalization in early 2018 during the Governing Body meeting in Port Moresby.

During the inaugural Police Minister's Meeting in 2016, the Secretariat received request to facilitate a collective effort from member countries to assist in providing security during PNG's hosting of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting in November 2018 in Port Moresby.

Ambassador Amena emphasised that the signing of the MOU is in line with the agreement of our members to allow the secondment of a Senior Police Officer from Fiji Police Force (FPF) to the MSG Secretariat to continue work on the FPU implementation phase as a Police Liaison Officer.

The Police Liaison Officer's role is purposely to coordinate the preparation and logistical arrangements for the deployment of police security personnel to APEC. Under the arrangement, police security personnel to APEC will compose of nominated Police Officers from the MSG member countries.

Speaking during the signing ceremony, Mr Yauvoli, reiterated that this initiative is a collective sub-regional effort, and that he is confident that the MSG member States will participate fully to ensure that the MSG Formed Police Unit (FPU) is a success story.

The signing of the MOU took place at the Fiji Police Force Headquarters in Suva, between the MSG Secretariat, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Fiji and the Fiji Police Force.

For more information, please contact [msg@secretariat.int](mailto:msg@secretariat.int)

