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**MINISTERS' MEETING**

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Nuku'alofa, Tonga

*ICT for development, governance and sustainable livelihoods*

**Tonga Declaration**

We, the representatives of the Countries and Territories meeting in Nuku'alofa, Tonga:

**Noting** the important role of ICT in meeting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs);

**Recalling** the *Resolution 64/187 of the UN General Assembly, of 21 December 2009* recognising the importance of partnerships with all relevant stakeholders in enhancing access to ICT and that ICT has the potential to provide new solutions to development challenges;

**Recognising** the unique challenges faced by Pacific Small Island Developing States and Territories in ICT development;

**Noting** that the *Pacific Plan* as endorsed by the Forum Leaders' Meeting in Madang, Papua New Guinea in October 2005 provides a framework for strengthening regional cooperation and integration between Forum countries;

**Recalling** the *Wellington Declaration* of the 2006 Pacific Islands Forum Communications Ministers meeting set priorities and identified challenges to be addressed in implementing the *Digital Strategy*;

**Recalling** the 2009 *Pacific ICT Ministerial Forum Communiqué* that was endorsed by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Pacific member states;

**Acknowledging** the important role of development partners in progressing ICT development in the Pacific region;

**Noting** that Forum Leaders requested in their *Cairns Communiqué* that the *Digital Strategy*, an essential component of the *Pacific Plan*, be reviewed and revised;

