

DECISION 07-2020

Intersessional Decision regarding the 9th SPRFMO Annual Meeting (2021)

The Commission of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation:

Agrees on the following procedure to determine whether an in-person meeting can be held in St Petersburg from 21 to 29 January 2021.

Procedure to determine whether an in-person meeting can be held in St Petersburg, Russia, from 21 to 29 January 2021

Based on the proposal submitted by the Russian delegation, for the annual meeting to take place in January 2021 as an in-person meeting in St Petersburg, each of the following three criteria shall be met.

- a. By 7 October 2020, the Russian Federation and the SPRFMO Secretariat must be able to confirm that an in-person meeting can be held in St Petersburg at an appropriate venue with sufficient facilities (hotels, meeting support etc);
- b. By 14 October 2020, the Russian Federation must confirm that there are no Russian government restrictions, including visa requirements, on foreign nationals entering the Russian Federation from any of the SPRFMO Member countries, and that there are no quarantine restrictions for such entries; and
- c. By 14 October 2020, a three-fourths majority of SPRFMO Members are able to confirm that:
 - i. they have no domestic restrictions in place or expected to be in place beyond 1st December that would prevent them from attending the meeting in St Petersburg; and that
 - ii. suitable flights are available; or that they could be represented by their embassies or missions in the Russian Federation if necessary.