

DECISION 08-2020

**Intersessional Decision to Agree on the Format and dates of
COMM9-CTC8-FAC8**

The Commission of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation:

AWARE of the extraordinary and pernicious consequences related to the global COVID-19 pandemic;

CONSIDERING the SPRFMO Decision adopted intersessionally on 23 September 2020 (letter R27-2020);

BEARING IN MIND the notification from Russia dated 14 October 2020 (Letter G137-2020);

RECALLING that an in-person SPRFMO Commission meeting is not possible under the current circumstances;

Agrees to hold the 9th SPRFMO Commission Meeting by electronic (virtual) means, including the meetings of its subsidiary bodies CTC and FAC. The meetings will take place from 21st January to 1st February 2021, under a schedule to be developed by the Secretariat in consultation with the SPRFMO Chairpersons. An additional day of sessions (2nd February) might be added, if needed.