

**Draft Resolution on South Pacific Whale Sanctuary**

**GA/38/RES/DR1**

*(Deferred from the 38<sup>th</sup> General Assembly)*

**Proposed by the Tonga National Group**

**Co-Sponsored by Papua New Guinea**

**And Cook Islands National Groups**

**The 38<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the APPU,**

**Noting** that whales have become very important to the economic development of the South Pacific Small Island Nations and,

**Recognizing** the depletion of the whale population during the last century and the lack of a reliable source of information with regard to the different whale populations in the South Pacific and,

**Aware** that most South Pacific Island Nations have started to offer whale watching as a means of increasing income from tourism for small island states and,

**Noting** the need for solidarity among member nations of APPU to enhance the economic growth of member nations of the APPU,

**NOW THEREFORE;**

**Calling on all members of APPU to support and endorse this proposal for a South Pacific Whale Sanctuary and,**

**Urging members of APPU who are members of International Organizations like the International Whaling Commission to support the South Pacific Whale Sanctuary as a means of enhancing economic development of island nations of APPU.**

**Hereby resolves that a South Pacific Whale Sanctuary be adopted.**