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GOPAC Samoa MPs active in nation's accession to UNCAC

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GOPAC is a worldwide alliance of parliamentarians working together to combat corruption, strengthen good government, and uphold the rule of law.

[GOPAC](#) has welcomed the strong advocacy of its Samoan chapter of parliamentarians as the Pacific nation became the 184th country to sign the [UN Convention against Corruption \(UNCAC\)](#) this week.

“One of the key drivers in establishing the Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC) was to position MPs to encourage their Governments to sign and implement UNCAC,” said GOPAC Chair, Dr. Fadli Zon.

“The GOPAC Samoa chapter was only formed in late 2016 so it is a credit to parliamentarians, the Government and civil society that the benefits of being part of the worldwide UNCAC family can now be realised in Samoa.”

It was during a GOPAC workshop with the United Nations Pacific Regional Anti-Corruption (UN-PRAC) Project in December 2016 that Samoa’s Legislative Assembly Speaker, Honourable Leaupepe Toleafoa Faafisi received a letter from Samoa’s Prime Minister Tuilaepa Lufesolai Dr Sailele Malielegaoi announcing that Samoa would begin the process to sign the UN Convention against Corruption.

“It is a credit to the thorough work of Samoa’s elected representatives that the Samoan Government has made sure all its integrity policies and institutions are in place so as to maximise the benefits once Samoa signed UNCAC,” said GOPAC Oceania chair John Hyde.

Mr Hyde praised the ongoing advocacy of the GOPAC Samoa committee, including Taefu Lemi Taefu as chair, Ms Gatoloaifaana Amataga Gidlow, vice-chair, Lenaita’i Victor Tamapua and Ili Setefano Taateo Tafili.

GOPAC Samoa chair Taefu Lemi Taefu said “Samoa has much to gain by signing up to UNCAC and strengthening even further the great work that integrity bodies in Samoa are already doing.”

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