

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

35. The Agreement is open for signature to Parties to the Niue Treaty. To date, twelve Parties have signed the Agreement and six Parties have ratified the Agreement. The Agreement entered into force on 30 July 2014 when Samoa ratified (as the fourth party to ratify).

36. The current status of the Agreement is depicted in the following table:

Party	Signature	Date of Ratification/Approval/Accession
AUSTRALIA	2 July 2014	
COOK ISLANDS	5 July 2013	27 March 2014
FSM	1 March 2013	
NAURU	(signed but not dated)	1 June 2014
NEW ZEALAND	30 July 2014	
NIUE	2 July 2014	
PALAU	9 November 2012	21 January 2014
PNG	6 February 2013	
MARSHALL ISLANDS	27 September 2013	
SAMOA	6 February 2013	30 July 2014
SOLOMON ISLANDS	2 July 2014	
TUVALU	6 March 2013	5 September 2014
VANUATU		30 July 2014