

**REPUBLIC OF NAURU**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC (RECOGNITION OF CONVENTION) BILL**  
**2017**  
**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

*The University of the South Pacific (Recognition of Convention) Bill* is a Bill for *The University of the South Pacific (Recognition of Convention) Act 2017*.

**EXPLANATION OF CLAUSES**

**Clause 1** provides that, once enacted, the short title of the Bill will be *The University of the South Pacific (Recognition of Convention) Act 2017*.

**Clause 2** sets out when the Bill's provisions will commence. The commencement date is on certification by the Speaker.

**Clause 3** is the interpretation provision. It provides legal definitions of key expressions used and how they are applied in the Act.

**Clause 4** is the provision of USP Convention having force of law in Nauru. This applies to the recognition and operations of The University of the South Pacific in Nauru.

**Clause 5** confirms that USP enjoys the legal status as a body corporate incorporated under the laws of Nauru.

**Clause 6** provides that under the laws of Nauru, USP shall enjoy same rights and all advantages that are given to Nauruan nationals. This national treatment will be in relation to the operations of USP. Further definition is provided for the meaning of 'national treatment' and 'nationals'.

**'national treatment'** means that in regards to the operations of the USP in the Republic, USP shall enjoy the same rights and all advantages that nationals of the Republic are accorded in the Republic;

**'nationals'** means legal entities incorporated under the laws of the Republic as nationals of Nauru.

**Clause 7** allows Cabinet to make Regulations as are necessary for carrying out the purpose of the Act.