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To: SPREP National Focal Points
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Subject: **Newly Revised Model Marine Pollution Prevention Bill & new Model Ballast Water Management Regulations**

Dear SPREP Members and Partners:

Please find attached two model legislations for application in Pacific island jurisdictions, which include comprehensive provisions for the implementation of all relevant international conventions dealing with marine pollution prevention and response including the Ballast Water Management Convention:

1. ***The revised model Marine Pollution Prevention Bill (with Ballast Water Management Convention provisions)*:**

   This model bill replaces the 2002 model Marine Pollution Prevention Act prepared jointly by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) and SPREP. The revised bill is intended to help countries in their development of legislation to effectively implement international and regional conventions, programs and arrangements. The model bill requires appropriate modifications to be effectively implemented in the particular country which intends to use it as the basis of its' marine pollution law.

2. ***New model Ballast Water Management Regulation*:**

   This model for Ballast Water Management is new, and is designed specifically for countries that have already enacted comprehensive marine pollution legislation, particularly the model Marine Pollution Prevention Act.

SPREP will work with Members to ensure effective implementation of these two instruments. Please contact our Marine Pollution Adviser, Anthony Talouli (anthonyt@sprep.org) for further assistance.

Yours Sincerely,

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Director

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