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Subject: **Pacific Environment Forum Report**

I have great pleasure in sending you the final report of the first Pacific Environment Forum "Rio+20 and Beyond: Building resilience for a sustainable future" which was held in Apia, Samoa on 12 September 2011, prior to the 22nd SPREP meeting.

SPREP members have previously requested a forum where they could substantively engage in discussions on specific environmental topics, particularly those of significant importance to the region. In response to this request and to assist members in their preparations for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD), or Rio+20, which will be held in Rio de Janeiro Brazil in 2012, the Secretariat organised the Forum for members and partners to engage in discussions on the following selected topics:

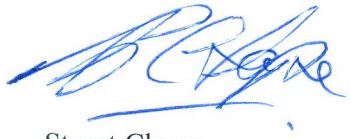
- Green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication;
- Environmental governance, a broad topic that includes institutional frameworks for sustainable development;
- Adapting to climate change, one of the top priority issues for the Pacific

The Forum featured key speakers who presented different perspectives on the above topics, followed by panel and break-out group discussions to further articulate the main messages and issues arising out of the main discussions. These key messages formed the basis of an Outcome Statement which was formally noted by the 22nd SPREP meeting as input to the Rio+20 preparations and other regional and international processes.

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We hope that this Forum will be the first of many, allowing continuing discussion among Secretariat members and partners of the hot topics of the day.

Yours sincerely



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