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SUBJECT: **Expressions of Interest to Host the 25th SPREP Meeting**

Dear Members,

At the 24th SPREP Meeting held in Apia Samoa in September, Members acknowledged the offer by the Cook Islands as the host for next year's 25th SPREP Meeting.

Unfortunately, the Prime Minister of Cook Islands has informed the Secretariat that regrettably, Cook Islands is no longer able to host the 25th SPREP Meeting due to national elections which are anticipated to take place in towards the end of 2014. The Secretariat thanks the Prime Minister and people of Cook Islands for their initial offer to host the 25th SPREP Meeting and acknowledges the circumstances resulting in this decision.

The Secretariat therefore would like to take this opportunity to solicit expressions of interest from Members who are willing to host the 25th SPREP Meeting next year.

Given that 2014 will be an extremely busy year for the region with various international and regional meetings including the SIDS Conference which will be held in Samoa in early September, the Secretariat proposes the following dates:

- **Monday 29th September:** Pacific Environment Forum
- **Tuesday 30th September to Thursday 2nd October:** SPREP Meeting
- **Friday 3rd October:** Ministerial Segment

These meetings will be preceded by the Conferences of the Parties for the Noumea and Waigani Conventions which are held every 2 years. These are scheduled for Thursday 25th and Friday 26th September

Please accept our apologies for this unforeseen development. Your views and expressions of interest would be greatly appreciated. Please send them to our usual mailing address – registry@sprep.org or to myself directly (kosil@sprep.org)

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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