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SUBJECT: **Twelfth ordinary meeting of the contracting parties to the convention for the protection of the natural resources and environment of the South Pacific Region and related protocols (Noumea Convention), 25 September 2014**

Dear Members,

I am pleased to advise that the *12th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Natural Resources and Environment of the South Pacific Region and related protocols (Noumea Convention)* will be held in Majuro, Republic of Marshall Islands, on the 25 September 2014, prior to the 25th SPREP Meeting.

Please find attached the Provisional Agenda for the Meeting. Other supporting documentation will follow in due course. To assist the Secretariat with the finalization of the Agenda, I would appreciate your inputs and comments by the **1st August 2014**.

I would like to invite nominations and appreciate if the Secretariat could be advised by the **14th August 2014** of the name of the designated, suitable representative and accompanying experts or advisers to attend the forthcoming Meeting. As agreed to in the 11th COP Meeting, **funding is available to support the participation of one representative each from the Cook Islands and Nauru.**

The Parties to the Noumea Convention are: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, France, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands and the United States of America. Representatives of non-Party members are invited as observers.

I encourage Members to contribute to the agenda by identifying any key issues and papers you would like to raise at the Noumea COP. As such I am also pleased to invite **working papers and national country reports to the Convention** for the Meeting to be sent to the Secretariat by the 14th August 2014. The template for the national reporting is attached.

I thank you kindly for your consideration and encourage participation in this COP Meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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Acting Director General

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