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TO: SPREP National Focal Points Contracting Parties to the Waigani Convention: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu

SUBJECT: **Seventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Waigani Convention (COP-7), Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands, 26th September, 2014.**

Dear Sirs/ Mesdames:

I am pleased to advise that the 7th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to *The Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement and the Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region (Waigani Convention)* will be held in Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands on the 26th September 2014, prior to the 25th SPREP meeting.

The provisional agenda for the Meeting and supporting documentation can be downloaded from our website www.sprep.org from the 26th July 2014.

I would appreciate if the Secretariat could be advised no later than the 29th August 2014 of the name of the *designated, suitable representative and accompanying experts or advisers* to attend the forthcoming Meeting. The Parties to the Waigani Convention are: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Niue, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. Funding is available to support the attendance of one representative from each of the following Countries – *Cook Islands, Kiribati, Niue and Tuvalu*.

Representatives of parties to the Basel Convention (the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Nauru and Palau) as well as other Countries are also invited to attend the meeting as observers.

I would also like to remind Parties regarding the requirement for preparation and submission of National Reports to the Conference of the Parties. The reporting format can be downloaded along with other information on the Waigani Convention on the SPREP website: http://www.sprep.org/legal/regional.htm.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat for any further information regarding the COP6.

Yours Sincerely,

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