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TO: SPREP National Focal Points

SUBJECT: 23rd SPREP Meeting – Ministerial Segment

Dear SPREP Members,

As previously advised, this year's SPREP Meeting will be held in Noumea, New Caledonia from 4 to 7 September, 2012.

This year's SPREP Meeting will include a Ministerial segment which will be held on the 7th September.

The Secretariat has suggested that this year's Ministerial segment be structured around key issues which are most important for Ministers. This mirrors the approach taken at the successful SPREP Ministerial meeting held in PNG in 2010. Accordingly, letters were sent to all SPREP Ministers in May asking them to advise which issues they would like to discuss at this year's Ministerial segment. Furthermore, the SPREP Director General has also consulted with Ministers during his trips around the region in 2012.

Based on the advice received, the following agenda is proposed. Please note that speakers still need to be confirmed.

Ministerial segment of the SPREP Meeting – Friday 7 September
8:30am – 1:00pm

- Prayer and Opening

Strategic Issue 1 – *Innovative financing for climate change and biodiversity*

- Presentation – Minister from Palau
- Response – Minister from Vanuatu
- General discussion

Strategic Issue 2 – *Renewable energy – achieving our ambitious targets and road maps in the Pacific*

- Presentation – Minister from Samoa
- Response – Minister from the Republic of the Marshall Islands
- General discussion

Strategic Issue 3 – *Conserving the Pacific Ocean – implementing the Oceanscape agenda*

- Presentation – Minister from the Cook Islands
- Response – Minister from New Caledonia
- General discussion

➢ Approval of decisions from SPREP Meeting Officials segment

➢ Close of meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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