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

SUBJECT: Sixth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Waigani Convention (COP6), Noumea New Caledonia, *31st August, 2012.*

Dear Sirs/ Mesdames:

I am pleased to advise that the 6th 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 Noumea, New Caledonia on the 3st August 2012, prior to the 23rd SPREP meeting.

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

I would appreciate if the Secretariat could be advised no later than the 10th August 2012 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, 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 Marshall Islands, Nauru and Palau) as well as other Countries are also invited to attend the meeting as observers.

I am particularly pleased to advise of the attendance of the distinguished representatives from the Basel Convention Regional Centre, (BCRC China), Tsinghua University, Professor Jinhui Li and Ms Nana Zhao, at COP6 who will present a paper detailing proposed future co-operative arrangements between the Pacific Centre and the BCRC China. I would encourage you all to make every effort to attend this meeting to hear first-hand about these major initiatives.

I would also like to remind Parties regarding the requirement for preparation and submission of National Reports to the Conference of the Parties. The 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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