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TO: SPREP National Focal Points Parties to Noumea Convention
SPREP National Focal Points

SUBJECT: **Reminder: Circulation for Comment on Noumea Convention Paper 4.1 Annex 1 in relation to the Prcautionary Principle and Deep Sea Mineral Mining**

Dear Sirs/ Mesdames:

This is a follow up circular to one sent to Parties of the Noumea Convention on 28th September 2012.

At the 11th Conference of the Parties for the Noumea Convention, held in Noumea, New Caledonia, under agenda item 4.1 Report of the Secretariat: Article 13, the Secretariat tabled a draft paper "Understanding and Applying the Precautionary Principle to Deep Sea Mineral Mining in the Pacific Islands Region: A Socio-cultural and Legal Approach".

Parties requested the Secretariat to circulate the paper for input and comment by Parties, and SPREP members.

We request comments by the **30th November 2012**, sent to the SPREP Marine and Coastal Adviser, Tim Carruthers timc@sprep.org. SPREP will then compile comments and reticulate a revised draft for further comment.

We thank you kindly for your input and comments on this issue.

Yours sincerely

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