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FILE:	MTG 1/8	**TO:**	SPREP National Focal Points
DATE:	9 June 2014		CROP Organisations
CIRCULAR:	14/54		SPREP Partner Organisations
SUBJECT:	**SPREP Working Group on Membership Contributions**		

Dear SPREP Members,

In accordance with the 24th SPREP Meeting held in Apia, Samoa regarding Agenda Item 7.2: Increase in Membership Contributions, the Meeting:

- **agreed** to set up a Working Group to look at the issue of membership contributions and to consider innovative options including potential incremental increases in membership contributions over a number of years;
- **directed** the Working Group to produce a recommendation; and
- **welcomed** any contributions that Members choose to make in addition to their annual membership contribution.

Furthermore it was noted that the SPREP Members of Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, France, French Polynesia, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Samoa, United Kingdom and the United States agreed to address the issue of Membership Contributions in advance of the next SPREP Meeting.

It is proposed that the Working Group on Membership Contributions will convene **Thursday 10 July 2014 at 09am to 12pm (Samoa date and time)**. Due to the second consultations for the SPREP Reviews, several members will be at the SPREP Campus in their capacity as members of the SPREP Reference Group (Australia, New Zealand, Tokelau, USA, Samoa),which also includes the SPREP Troika (Nauru, New Caledonia and Republic of the Marshall Islands). These countries thus constitute the SPREP Working Group on Membership Contributions.

An agenda and back ground documentation will be circulated to members by Friday 27 June. It would be appreciated if members of the Working Group could kindly confirm their availability to Ms. Audrey Brown-Pereira audreyp@sprep.org. Those members who will not be able to attend in person would be welcome to join by way of teleconference. If your country would like to participate in the teleconference meeting, please advise Audrey by email.

Kind regards,

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