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TO: SPREP National Focal Points
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SUBJECT: Invitation to attend 2nd PacWaste Steering Committee Meeting

Dear Members,

Re: 2nd PacWaste Steering Committee Meeting
Wednesday 1 October 2014, from 17:30 - 19:00 at the M.I.R Melele Room, Marshall Islands Resort, Majuro, Republic of Marshall Islands

As you may be aware, the PacWaste project is moving into its second year. The four-year, €7.85m initiative funded by the European Union and implemented by SPREP has focused on assessing the current status of asbestos, E-waste and healthcare waste across the Pacific and Timor Leste in its first year of operation. Extensive regional baseline surveys involving on site assessments in participating countries have now been largely completed, and have provided the first comprehensive understanding of the extent of the hazardous waste problem in the region.

It is with great pleasure that I would like to invite you to attend the **2nd PacWaste Steering Committee Meeting which will be held in conjunction with** the upcoming SPREP meeting in Majuro, Republic of Marshall Islands early October 2014.

The meeting, which will be chaired by Mr. David Sheppard, Director-General of SPREP and attended by European Union delegates, will provide PacWaste participating countries with a project update including information on the first year's milestones and results and an overview of the second year work programme. I attach the meeting agenda for your reference.

I strongly encourage your participation at this meeting to examine these priority hazardous waste issues affecting the Pacific region and look forward to discussing how the PacWaste project can assist countries strengthen hazardous waste management on a prioritised basis at both the regional and national levels.

Yours sincerely,

David Sheppard
Director General