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FILE: MTG 1/8 **TO:** SPREP National Focal Points

DATE: 30 October 2014

CIRCULAR: 14/91

SUBJECT: **Friends' of the Chair on SPREP Membership Contributions**

Dear SPREP Members,

In accordance with the 25th SPREP Meeting held in Majuro, Republic of Marshall Islands regarding Agenda Item: SPREP Working Group on Memberships Contributions Report of the Chair, the Meeting:

- directed the Secretariat to undertake further analysis with a view to rationalising direct services delivered to Members and report back no later than the 2015 SPREP Meeting;
- requested that the mandate of the Working Group for Membership Contributions be broadened to allow consideration of the different financial issues including unpaid membership contributions, management fees for projects, exchange rates, voluntary contributions; and
- requested the Working Group to provide analysis and recommendations to Members, no later than 31 March 2015.

Furthermore the Meeting established a Friends' of the Chair group consisting of Australia, Fiji, France, French Polynesia, New Zealand, Samoa, Tokelau, United Kingdom, and United States to provide additional guidance.

It is proposed that the Friends' of the Chair Group on Membership Contributions convene a meeting on Wednesday 10 December. An agenda and back ground documentation will be circulated to members. It would be appreciated if members of the Friends' of the Chair Group could kindly confirm their availability to Ms. Audrey Brown-Pereira audreyp@sprep.org.

Regretfully there is no funding to support SPREP Members attendance from outside of Samoa. 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,

David Sheppard
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