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TO: SPREP National Focal Points
Maritime Focal Points

SUBJECT: Pacific Regional Port Waste Reception Facilities Plan

Dear Focal Points,

SPREP in partnership with the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) has conducted five regional waste reception gap analyses across the region to form the basis for the Pacific Regional Reception Facilities Plan (RRFP).

The RRFP was tabled and subsequently endorsed at the Twelfth Ordinary Meeting, of the Contracting Parties to the Noumea Convention, Majuro, Marshall Islands on the 26 September 2014. At this Meeting countries requested additional time for the review process, with the Meeting agreeing that countries provide additional comments to SPREP by the end of November 2014. SPREP wishes to remind all countries of the review time frames so that SPREP can finalize the RRFP by the end of 2014.

Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) is assisting SPREP in preparing all of the required documentation for submission to the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) 68th Meeting which needs to be completed by February 2015. PICT's are requested to inform SPREP if they wish to co-sponsor and be part of this IMO submission.

SPREP also requests that PICT's who have a permanent IMO representative, forward the representative's name(s) and contact details so that SPREP can request the permanent representative's to actively campaign on behalf of the Pacific region to support the smooth transaction of the RRFP through MEPC 68.

It would be appreciated if you could complete the review of the RRFP and provide representative's names and contact details by the end of November, 2014.

Yours Sincerely,

Kosi Latu
Acting Director General