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TO: SPREP National Focal Points
Waigani and Basel Convention Competent Authorities & Focal Points

SUBJECT: 5th Meeting of the Waigani Convention Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC-5), the 4th Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Pacific Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the joint implementation of the Waigani and Basel Conventions (SCPRC-4), and 2nd GEF-PAS uPOPs Project Steering Committee meetings - 30th March-2nd April 2015

Dear Sirs/ Mesdames:

As agreed to in the Seventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties held in Majuro in September this year, I am pleased to advise that the *5th Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC-4) of the Waigani Convention and the 4th Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Pacific Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the joint implementation of the Waigani and Basel Conventions (SCPRC-4)* will be held at the SPREP Headquarters in Apia Samoa from the 30th to 31st March 2015 in Apia Samoa. In addition to these meetings, the 2nd Meeting of the GEF-PAS uPOPs project Steering Committee will be held following their conclusion on 1st April 2015.

The provisional agenda for the meetings are attached and supporting working document will be forwarded in due course.

I would like to invite nominations from all Parties and appreciate if the name(s) of the *designated, suitable representative and alternative and accompanying experts and advisers* could be sent to the Secretariat by the 13th February 2015. Please be advised that funding is available to support the attendance of one representative from each of the Countries (excluding Australia and New Zealand) who are Parties to the Waigani Convention.

The Parties to the Waigani Convention are: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

This invitation is also extended to the non-Waigani Convention parties in the region, namely Marshall Islands, Nauru and Palau to attend and participate in the three meetings and funding is available to support the attendance of one representative from each of these countries.

I thank you kindly for your consideration and encourage participation at the STAC-5, SCPRC-4 and the 2nd GEF-PAS uPOPs project Steering Committee Meetings.

Yours sincerely,



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Officer-in-Charge