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TO: SPREP National Focal Points:
Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

DATE: 14 March 2015

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SUBJECT: **GEF Medium Sized "Ratification and implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in the countries of the Pacific regional Project" - Letters of Commitments**

Dear SPREP PIC Focal Points,

SPREP in collaboration with UNEP are at the final stages of finalizing the Project Document including the GEF CEO Endorsement Form for the above mentioned project. These key documents already incorporate input which was collated from a series of stakeholder consultative workshops and meetings facilitated by SPREP over the last 12 months.

In accordance with GEF policies for co-financing, and comments received already from the GEF Secretariat on the above project, each country is required to submit Letters of Commitment for co-financing to the value of US$100,000.00 per country. Co-financing could be in the form of cash and/or in-kind. A sample template is attached to assist you in preparing the letter of commitment for co-financing.

The benefits of this GEF project includes the opportunity to engage in projects which have the potential to benefit the global community, an appreciation of and desire to conserve and protect traditional knowledge, and a realisation of the value and benefits of conserving biodiversity.

Kindly note that it is also a requirement of the GEF to ensure all letters of commitments from participating countries and partners are available and submitted together with the Project Document and the CEO Endorsement Form. In this regard, your usual cooperation and assistance is kindly requested to facilitate this process. It would thus be appreciated if you can send your country's letter of commitment to SPREP, duly signed by your GEF National Focal Point at your earliest convenience, preferably prior to 23rd March, 2015.

Please do not hesitate to contact Easter Galuvao – Biodiversity Adviser (easterg@sprep.org) and Clark Peteru – Legal Adviser (clarkp@sprep.org) should you need further information and clarification.

Yours sincerely,



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Attachment: GEF 5 ABS Letter of commitment for cofinancing