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TO: SPREP National Focal Points

SUBJECT: Country Waste Management and Pollution Control Baseline Survey

Dear Focal Points,

The current Pacific Regional Solid Waste Management Strategy 2010-2015 and other regional hazardous waste (e-waste, asbestos) and pollution management strategies are drawing to an end in 2015. SPREP, in collaboration with JICA (through the J-PRISM project) will therefore commence the development in 2015 of a new integrated waste management and pollution control strategy to cover the period 2016 to 2025. The new strategy will encompass and integrate the regional management of wastes (solid and hazardous) and marine pollution. The resulting strategy document will enable countries to have a better grasp of what is required to produce better outcomes in managing wastes and pollution, with sustainability as a fundamental consideration. The document is also intended as a guide for donors to identify potential projects for funding provision.

The development of the strategy will involve a number of consultative processes which will allow stakeholders to provide inputs into the document and ensure that the future strategic directions of the waste and pollution control sectors will address regional and national priorities. We will conduct baseline surveys and workshops and will invite external review of the document once drafted.

To initiate the development process, JICA's engaged consultant, Ms Esther Richards, will undertake a baseline survey to determine countries' priorities and gather current waste and pollution control services information. The information generated from this exercise will be the basis for identifying gaps around which the strategies will revolve.

We seek your kind cooperation to complete and return the attached baseline survey questionnaire no later than Thursday 9th April 2015. Please send the completed questionnaire to the JICA consultant at e.richards@evrenv.com.au with a copy to SPREP's Solid Waste Management Adviser, Ma. Bella Guinto at bellag@sprep.org, and J-PRISM at tsukijimkt@gmail.com. Ms. Esther Richards may also contact you directly via email and phone, to provide further assistance in completing the questionnaire. Your kind support in ensuring that we get the best available information is crucial to the development of a robust regional strategy and would be appreciated.

With sincere thanks,

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Director General

cc: Mr. Makoto Tsukiji, JPRISM