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TO: SPREP National Focal Points
PacWaste National Focal Points

SUBJECT: **Proposed use of the PacWaste Contingency for TC Winston and Pam post disaster waste response actions.**

Dear PacWaste Participating Countries,

In response to the damages caused by Tropical Cyclone Winston this year, and by Tropical Cyclone Pam last year, the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the European Union would like to propose the release of part of the PacWaste Contingency Funds (approximately Euro 200,000) to provide practical disaster waste management assistance to those countries that have been adversely impacted.

These efforts would be coordinated with the overall disaster response and would involve working in partnership with our colleagues from JICA's J-PRISM project who have extensive field experience in disaster waste response from cyclone, flood and tsunami.

Potential activities include: field based interventions in Fiji (following the model of action used by JICA/J-PRISM/SPREP in Vanuatu); further addressing the post Tropical Cyclone Pam disaster recommendations in Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Kiribati; and further developing regional post disaster waste and response guidelines.

SPREP kindly invites any comments on the proposed use of the contingency by 10 April, 2016.

On behalf of SPREP and the PacWaste project team, I look forward to working with you to secure best possible response to post disaster waste management in the Pacific region.

Yours sincerely,



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