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SUBJECT: SPREP Regional Initiative Submissions for the Framework on Pacific Regionalism

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Dear Members,

Further to the public call for submissions under the Framework for Pacific Regionalism from the Pacific Islands Forum. I am pleased to inform Members that SPREP has submitted two regional policy initiatives for consideration of the Specialist Sub-Committee on Regionalism.

The two submissions from SPREP include:

1) Supporting Pacific Island Countries to Benefit from the Implementation of the Paris Agreement; and
2) Integrated Oceans Management - getting better outcomes for our oceans and coasts.

Forty seven submissions were received from throughout the region, which include the two from SPREP. The Specialist Sub-Committee will meet in June before making their recommendations to the Forum Officials Committee, the governing council of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, which will meet in Suva on 9 and 10 August. The Pacific Leaders will meet in the Federated States of Micronesia for the 47th Pacific Islands Forum in September to consider the recommended regional initiatives.

The support of Members on the SPREP submissions is gratefully appreciated, in helping to address the environmental and development challenges of our Pacific region. The two submissions are attached herewith, which we believe are regional initiatives worthy of the attention of Pacific Leaders.

Kind regards



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