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SUBJECT: **2016 REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL OF REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE PACIFIC (CROP) CHARTER**

Dear SPREP Members,

As shared in the 27th SPREP Meeting in Niue the Secretariat would like to update Members that a Review of the Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific (CROP) Charter has commenced, and will conclude at the end of 2016.

The Review will consider the necessary CROP arrangements for strengthened alignment to the Framework for Pacific Regionalism and the regional public policy process, as well as contribute to the current analysis of regional governance and financing as directed by Forum Leaders in 2015 and led by the Forum Secretariat. Refer to the Terms of Reference as Attachment A.

Mr. Garry Wiseman, has been engaged to facilitate the Review process, working closely with CROP agencies. Mr. Wiseman has vast knowledge and experience in the Pacific and good working relationships with a number of CROP stakeholders, including UN agencies.

SPREP will work with the Forum Secretariat, which is leading the process for the CROP agencies and will keep Members informed on the progress of the 2016 Review of the CROP Charter. We seek your assistance in facilitating Mr. Wiseman's consultations with relevant officials, where relevant. In particular, Members' views regarding expectations of CROP and the opportunities for strengthened regional governance through the governing councils of CROP agencies are welcomed.

In addition, Members and regional stakeholders are kindly requested to provide responses to a Review questionnaire through the following Survey Monkey link by 11 November 2016: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BM7K8M2.

Thank you for your support in this important process.

Yours sincerely,

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