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FILE: AP 6/1/2 **TO:** SPREP National Focal Points

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SUBJECT: **Developing a regional scrap metal management strategy**

Dear Focal Points,

Increased development, consumption and a reliance on imported goods across the Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) also proportionally increases the challenges faced by the waste management sector. Amongst these challenges scrap metal, which includes bulky scrap metal items, has been identified as a major priority in the Pacific.

One of SPREP's waste initiatives for 2017 is the development of a regional scrap metal management strategy for PICTs to identify options that would enable sustainable scrap metal management in the region. The strategy will include, among others:

- A situation analysis that identifies existing scrap metal inventories, generation and recycling and any policies currently in place across PICTs.
- An analysis of the costs of preparing and exporting scrap metal to buyers in Oceania and Asia.
- The identification and analysis of options for recovery of scrap metal for recycling, noting this will be different across the PICTs.
- A high-level implementation plan including potential soft options such as pricing and harder options including regional scrap metal aggregators that could collect, stockpile and on-sell scrap metal to buyers and reuse for other purposes on the island.

The study will be based on tailor made approaches that considers the scrap metal management strategy that best incorporates country specific situations into a regional strategy to ensure it is applicable across all PICTs.

SPREP has contracted a consultancy team to assist in this task. Part of this consultancy will be to conduct a short survey of scrap metal management practices in each Pacific Island countries and territories. The survey will cover four broad areas:

- Information on current national policies and initiatives relevant to scrap metal. This is likely to be available from your waste or environmental agency;
- Data on the volumes or numbers of bulky metal imports (e.g. vehicles, white goods). This is likely to be available from your customs authorities;

- The cost of containerised shipping from your Island to major trade destinations. This is likely to be available from your transport authorities; and
- Your views on community and business awareness of scrap metal management, (including recycling/reuse) opportunities.

The consultants will contact you directly in the next two weeks to seek national inputs and to complete the survey. **Prior to this it is requested that each Country and Territory advises SPREP of a suitable national counterpart/s to assist with this planned activity.** We appreciate your response to Ma Bella Guinto (Solid Waste Management Adviser) via email at bellag@sprep.org.

Yours sincerely,



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