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TO: SPREP Focal Points
Maritime Focal Points

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SUBJECT: **Invitation to attend the four day Regional Workshop on MARPOL Annex V and Port Reception Facilities to be held from the 17th – 20th (inclusive) July 2017 Majuro, RMI**

On the behalf of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO), I write to invite your government's participation in a "Regional Workshop on MARPOLAnnex and Port Reception Facilities" from 17-20July 2017, to be held in Majuro, RMI. The workshop is kindly hosted by the Republic of the Marshall Islands. A draft programme for the workshop is attached at, Annex 1.

The objectives for the Workshop are to:

- familiarize participants with MARPOL Annex V and Port Reception Facilities;
- provide the necessary knowledge and information to encourage countries to implement and enforce MARPOL Annex V and compliance with Port Reception Facilities requirements;
- to present and discuss the procedures and guidelines for inspecting, surveying and certifying vessels in the framework of MARPOL Annex V; and
- to present and discuss the procedures and guidelines for carrying out a "port waste reception facilities gap analysis".

The Workshop is aimed at government administrators, preferable at a senior level with responsibility for technical and policy-making decisions relating to the prevention and control of pollution arising from shipping, particularly in the areas of MARPOL Convention and Port Reception Facilities.

It is envisaged that one (1) participant will be sponsored to attend this Workshop from the following countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Niue, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

Unfortunately the IMO funding does not extend to the territories of American Samoa, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, French Polynesia, Guam, New Caledonia, Tokelau, and Wallis and Futuna as well as non-IMO member countries; therefore, participation in this training will be at your own cost for these nationals.

Nominating authorities are kindly requested to take into account the objectives of the workshop and ensure that the professional background and responsibilities of the nominated participants are in line with the workshop's aim and target audience.

It would be appreciated if you could complete the attached registration form (Annex 2) at your earliest convenience but no later than **Friday 2nd June 2017**.

For further information please contact Mr Anthony Talouli, Waste Management and Pollution Control Division on anthonyt@sprep.org

I look forward to receiving your early response and in closing, thank you for your consideration of this valuable training workshop.

Yours sincerely,



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