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TO: SPREP National Focal Points
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SUBJECT: **Fourteenth ordinary meeting of the contracting parties to the convention for the protection of the natural resources and environment of the South Pacific Region and related protocols (Noumea Convention), 14th September 2017**

Dear Members,

I am pleased to advise that the *14th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Natural Resources and Environment of the South Pacific Region and related protocols (Noumea Convention)* will be held in Apia, Samoa, on **Thursday 14 September 2017**, prior to the 28th SPREP Meeting. Whilst this will be a much more brief Conference of the Parties, I bring to your attention the following immediate action steps required by you towards the meeting:

1. Please find attached the **Provisional Agenda** for the Meeting. Other supporting documentation will follow in due course. To assist the Secretariat with the finalization of the Agenda, I would appreciate your inputs and comments by the **24th August 2017**.
2. I would like to invite nominations and appreciate if the Secretariat could be advised by the **24th August 2017** of the name of the designated, suitable representative and accompanying experts or advisers to attend the forthcoming Meeting. See attached **Nomination Form**.
3. The Parties to the Noumea Convention are: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, France, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands and the United States of America. Representatives of non-Party members are invited as observers and are encouraged to consider ratifying the Convention.
4. I encourage Members to contribute to the agenda by identifying any key issues and papers you would like to raise at the Noumea COP. As such I am also pleased to invite **working papers and national country reports to the Convention** for the Meeting to be sent to the Secretariat by the **7th September 2017**. The template for the national reporting is attached.

I thank you kindly for your consideration and encourage participation in this COP Meeting.

Yours sincerely,



for Kosi Latu
Director General

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