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SUBJECT: Moana Taka Partnership - a trilateral MoU between China Navigation Company PTE LTD ("CNCO"), UN Environment, SPREP

Dear Focal Points,

I am pleased to inform you of the *Moana Taka Partnership (MTP)* and seek your assistance in its coordination. The MTP is a three year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between China Navigation Company PTE LTD (CNCO) and SPREP that was signed on the 18th March 2018 to mark *Global Recycling Day*.

Under the MTP, CNCO have agreed to provide free shipping of recycling waste from Pacific islands countries and territories (PICTs) to discharge ports within the CNCO trade network. The first shipment under this MoU of recyclables is planned for the end of March from Samoa mark the start of MTP.

The activities under the MTP will target low value recyclable waste, as well as waste that may require disposal facilities not available in PICTs.

The MTP will be guided by the following priorities:

- Decoupling economic growth from resource use and pollution;
- Managing chemicals and waste and developing integrated approaches to environment and health;
- Focus on Oceans; and
- Resource mobilization.

The MTP will be coordinated by the Secretariat's Waste Management and Pollution Control Programme. And to assist us may I request if you could provide a focal point contact to Anthony Talouli on email anthonyt@sprep.org at your earliest convenience.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the region and I look forward to working with you all.

Yours sincerely,

Roger Cornforth
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