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TO: SPREP National Focal Points
SPREP Partners

SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF THE NEXT CLEAN PACIFIC ROUNDTABLE

Dear Honorable Ministers, Senior Officials and Partners,

In a meeting held on the 10th February 2020, the Clean Pacific Roundtable (CPRT) Steering Committee agreed to hold the next CPRT and associated events in Noumea from 12 -16 October 2020. During that time, it was not expected that the novel Corona virus will be a huge pandemic issue.

Since then, the global CoVid-19 issue has reached very alarming levels. This has compelled most countries to undertake health checks, enforce impact reduction policies, ban travels, close borders and apply community quarantine rules in the hope of flattening the fast and exponential growth in the number of confirmed cases of this viral infection.

In view of this, we would like to inform you that the next Clean Pacific Roundtable will be deferred to 2021, to be held preferably in the first quarter of next year. The exact dates will be confirmed at the next Steering Committee meeting and we will circulate the information shortly after.

You are welcome to provide inputs on the preferred dates either to the Secretariat through Ma Bella Guinto bellag@sprep.org or your sectoral representative of the Steering Committee (attached contact details).

The Secretariat joins you and every nation in the world in praying for this global crisis to end soon and for everything to be back to "business as usual". Please be assured that SPREP remains operational and resilient despite these challenging global circumstances and can adapt quickly and flexibly, as needed, once the crisis relaxes and countries are ready to fully work with us in implementing our programmes.

Sincerely yours,

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