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**SUBJECT: Eleventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Waigani Convention (COP-11) 03 September 2021**

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Dear SPREP Focal Points,

I am pleased to advise that the 11th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to The Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement and the Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region (Waigani Convention) will be held virtually on the 03<sup>rd</sup> September 2021, prior to the 30th SPREP meeting.

The provisional agenda for the Meeting is attached but all supporting documentation can be downloaded from our website [www.sprep.org](http://www.sprep.org) in the next couple of weeks.

I would appreciate if the Secretariat could be advised no later than the 25th June 2021 of the name of the designated, suitable representative and accompanying experts or advisers nominated to attend the forthcoming Meeting. The Parties to the Waigani Convention are: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

Representatives of parties to the Basel Convention (the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Nauru and Palau) as well as other Countries are also invited to attend the meeting as observers.

I would also like to remind Parties regarding the requirement for preparation and submission of National Reports to the Conference of the Parties. The reporting format is attached for ease of reference. This can also be downloaded along with other information on the Waigani Convention on the SPREP website: <http://www.sprep.org/legal/regional.htm> or you can contact Joshua Sam at [joshuas@sprep.org](mailto:joshuas@sprep.org) and Clark Peteru at [clarkp@sprep.org](mailto:clarkp@sprep.org) for copies of the reporting template.

Finally, I would like to remind all Waigani Convention Parties that the COP is the decision-making organ of the Convention and it is very important to make every effort to attend these meetings. You will all recall that the last COP in Apia, Samoa in 2019 did not have a quorum and we had to defer the COP to an extra day to have quorum and complete the business of the meetings.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat for any further information regarding the COP-11.

Yours Sincerely,

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**Director General**

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