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SUBJECT: Ad-hoc Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) of the Waigani Convention

Dear Members,

The Eleventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Waigani Convention (COP-11) held virtually in September in 2021, established a Working Group comprising representatives from Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Samoa to undertake work to implement Decision 6.2 on adopting the Basel Convention Plastic Waste Amendments of 2019 to the Waigani Convention.

We are pleased to inform you that the Working Group has prepared its draft Terms of Reference (TOR) and is set to commence their work immediately. In accordance to the *Rules of Procedure for Meeting And Conferences Of The Contracting Parties To The Waigani Convention*, the current Chair of STAC-8, Fiji, in close consultation with the Secretariat and the Working Group, would like to convene an ad-hoc meeting of the STAC to consider and approve the TOR of the Working Group.

You are therefore, cordially invited to attend the ad-hoc meeting of the STAC which will be held virtually on the 10th of May 2022, from 1300hrs to 1400hrs Samoa time. Please find attached all working papers of the meeting for your preparations. The meeting link can be found on the Agenda.

This invitation is also extended to the non-Waigani Convention parties in the region, namely Marshall Islands, Nauru and Palau to nominate a *designated, suitable representative, alternative and accompanying experts and advisers* to attend and participate in the STAC.

We look forward to welcoming you at the ad-hoc meeting of the STAC

Yours sincerely,

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