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Adhoc Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) of the Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Islands Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and the Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region (Waigani Convention)

Agenda Item 3: Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Working Group on Amending the Waigani Convention to Adopt Basel Convention Plastic Waste Amendments of 2019

Purpose

1. To present the draft TOR of the Working Group on Amending the Waigani Convention to Adopt Basel Convention Plastic Waste Amendments of 2019 to the STAC for approval

Background

2. The eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Waigani Convention, held virtually, in September 2021 agreed to establish a Working Group to prepare amendments to Waigani Convention to adopt Basel convention Plastic Waste Amendments of 2019.
3. A supplementary decision was also made for the same Working Group to prepare a second amendment to the Waigani convention to establish a mechanism for the adoption of future amendments to the Basel Convention as they occur
4. Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and Samoa volunteered to lead intersessional work on preparing the proposed amendments
5. The Working Group has prepared a draft TOR for its work in close consultation with the Secretariat

Recommendation

6. The Meeting is invited to:
 - **comment on, discuss** and **approve** the TOR of the Working Group as presented.