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Report of the First Adhoc Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC 8) of the Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region (Waigani Convention).

Introduction

1. The First Adhoc Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC 8) of the Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region (Waigani Convention) was held virtually on 10 May, 2022.
2. Present at the Meeting were representatives from Australia, Fiji, Kiribati, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa and Vanuatu.

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting

3. The meeting commenced at 1:00pm with the Chair calling the meeting to order and inviting an opening prayer.
4. The Chairperson welcomed delegates to the meeting, inviting the Secretariat to confirm if a quorum was reached and to explain the Rules of Procedure.
5. The Secretariat explained that the Rules of Procedure were those of the Waigani Convention and confirmed that a quorum had been reached for the meeting.
6. The Secretariat explained that the adhoc meeting is a continuation of STAC 8 so all office bearers remained the same.

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of the Agenda

7. The Meeting agreed to adopt the Agenda.

The Meeting:

- *adopted the Agenda as presented.*

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

8. Australia, the Chair of the Working Group presented the report of its first meeting and the Working Group's Draft Terms of Reference.
9. Australia in its presentation of the Working Group's draft Terms of Reference highlighted the background, the purpose and composition, responsibilities of the Working Group and its Members (list of members is part of the draft terms of reference) and the Secretariat as well as the STAC. Australia also outlined the working group schedule of work which included the meetings which would be held virtually and the milestones.
10. The draft Terms of Reference was updated with the approval of the milestone date for the approval of the Terms of Reference and the listing of the Samoa representative in the Working Group.

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The Meeting

- **noted** the report of the first meeting of the Working Group; and
- **discussed and approved** draft Terms of Reference of the Working Group.

Agenda Item 4: Date and Venue of next meeting

11. In principle the next adhoc Meeting of the STAC will be held virtually and at the request of the working Group

The Meeting:

- **discussed** and **confirmed** the date and venue of the STAC-9 Meeting in February 2023, taking into account the resources needed to host such a meeting and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Agenda Item 5: Adoption of the meeting report

12. The meeting adopted the outcomes of the Adhoc STAC Meeting Report.

Agenda Item 6: Closing of the meeting

13. In closing the meeting, the Chair expressed gratitude to all STAC Members for their participation and wished the Working Group well in their work and looked forward to reviewing the outcomes at the STAC-9 in February 2023.

14. The Secretariat closed the meeting with a prayer.

15. The Adhoc STAC-8 Meeting was formally closed at 14:13pm Samoa time.