



SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

Ninth Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Natural Resources and Environment of the South Pacific Region and Related Protocols (Noumea Convention)

(Ninth Meeting of the Noumea Convention)

Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia

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Agenda Item 4: Presentation of Report by the Secretariat under Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the Noumea Convention

Purpose

1. To table the Report by the Secretariat under Rule 12(vi) of the Rules of Procedure of the Noumea Convention outlining work achieved from July 2006 till June 2008 in fulfilment of the provisions of the Noumea Convention under the SPREP work programme.

Background

2. The Noumea Convention was negotiated under the framework of UNEP's Regional Seas Programme and adopted in 1986. The Convention and its two related Protocols - Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the South Pacific Region by Dumping; and Protocol concerning Co-operation in Combating Pollution Emergencies in the South Pacific Region - entered into force on 22 August 1990.

3. The Convention, provides a comprehensive umbrella agreement for the protection, management and development of the marine and coastal environment of the Pacific islands region, and addresses pollution from all sources and the need for environmental impact assessments.

Discussion

4. The Report attached (9NC/WP.4.1) describes work in the period July 2006 – June 2008 carried out under the SPREP work programme relating to obligations arising under the Noumea Convention or its Protocols.

Recommendation

5. The Parties are invited to:

- **note** the Report of the Secretariat outlining work performed in the period July 2006 – June 2008 in fulfilment of the provisions of the Noumea Convention under the SPREP work programme .