



SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

Eighteenth SPREP Meeting

Apia, Samoa
11-14 September 2007

Agenda Item 2: Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair

Purpose of Paper

1. The “*Rules of Procedure of the SPREP Meeting*” (Rules 8.1 and 8.2), provides that where the Meeting is hosted by the Secretariat, the Chair shall rotate alphabetically, and where the Meeting is not hosted by the Secretariat, the Chair shall be provided by the host country.
2. Accordingly, the **Chair** of the Eighteenth SPREP Meeting shall be **Guam**, the next in alphabetical order since the Secretariat last hosted the SPREP Meeting (16SM Apia 2005) at which time the Chair was **France**.
3. Rule 8.3 also provide that the Vice-Chair shall rotate alphabetically whether or not the Meeting is hosted by the Secretariat. The Vice-Chair of the Seventeenth SPREP Meeting was **French Polynesia**. Under the principle of alphabetical rotation, therefore, **Samoa** should be appointed **Vice-Chair** of the Eighteenth SPREP Meeting.

Recommendation

4. The Meeting is invited to:
 - **confirm** the Representative of **Guam** as **Chair**; and
 - **confirm** the Representative of **Samoa** as **Vice-Chair**.
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