

**SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME****Eighteenth SPREP Meeting***Apia, Samoa*11-14 September 2007

Agenda Item 5.3.1 : Report on Members' Contributions**Purpose of Paper**

1. To report to the Meeting on the receipt of Members' contributions.

Background

2. Financial Regulation 14 requires the Director to submit to each SPREP Meeting a report on the receipt of Members' contributions. This report provides an update on the status of Members' contributions received in 2007, (up to 30 June) as well as sharing the status of members' contributions as at the end of 2006.

Members' Contributions received in 2006 and 2007 (to 30 June 2007)

3. Attached for members' information is a statement, which shows the amounts due from respective members as at 30 June 2007. Total contributions outstanding as at 30 June 2007 is USD\$677,319, made up of USD\$313,226 unpaid as at the end of 2006 for that year and prior years and USD\$364,093 for 2007 contributions. The outstanding total is equivalent to 72% of total annual contributions.
4. As the table indicate, a total of USD\$878,306 was received by the Secretariat in 2006 leaving a balance USD\$381,476 of unpaid contribution as at 31 December 2006.
5. Contributions due for 2007, is \$935,572 and so far this year, (as at 30 June 2007), the Secretariat has received only US\$639,729 in respect of 2007 and prior years unpaid contributions.

Outstanding Contributions:

6. Other than members with small outstanding balances, the following member countries are in arrears as at 10 July 2007 for the amounts indicated for both 2007 and prior years contributions:

Member Country	2006 and prior year liabilities	2007 contributions payable	Payments to 30-Jun-07	Balance as at 30-Jun-07
American Samoa	0	10,184	(5,092)	5,092
Cook Islands	0	10,184		10,184
FSM	7,307	10,184		17,491
Fiji	9,214	20,360	(9,214)	20,360
Marshall Islands	0	10,184		10,184
Nauru	138,235	10,184		148,419
Niue	20,369	10,184		30,553
Nth Marianas	47,296	10,184		57,480
Palau	0	10,184		10,184
Samoa	0	20,360		20,360
Solomon Islands	104,123	20,360		124,483
Tonga	0	10,184		10,184
USA	(2,426)	186,787		184,361
Vanuatu	38	20,360		20,398
Wallis & Futuna	17,968	10,184	(20,164)	7,988

Recommendation

7. The Meeting is invited to:
- **consider** the report and **address** the substantial arrears problem;
 - **note** the status of non paid membership contributions; and
 - **hear** from those members with unpaid contributions on their plans and **commitment** to meet the arrears as soon as possible.

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