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## Seventh Meeting of The Waigani Convention

**Seventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement and the Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region (Waigani Convention)**

Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands  
26<sup>th</sup> September 2014

### **Agenda item 4: Presentation of Reports by the Secretariat of work undertaken since COP-6**

#### **Purpose**

1. To present for noting by the Meeting the Report of work undertaken by the Secretariat since the Sixth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, 2012 as reflected in:
  - (i) the Report of the Fourth Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC4), and
  - (ii) the Report of the Third Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Pacific Regional Center for Training and Technology Transfer for the joint implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions (SCPRC3).
2. To present for consideration and approval by the Meeting the STAC-4 Report.
3. To present for consideration and ratification by the Meeting the SCPRC-3 Report.

#### **Background**

##### **The Fourth Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC4)**

4. The Conference of Parties to the Waigani Convention at its first meeting (COP1) decided to establish a Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) to meet as necessary subject to available resources, to fulfil its tasks as mandated by the COP.
5. At its second meeting (COP2), the Conference considered and approved the Terms of Reference for the STAC.
6. The Committee has since met four times since its establishment in 2002 – the first meeting in 2004, the second in 2008, the third in July 2010 and the fourth meeting in 2014. All the STAC meetings were quorate except for the third meeting and as a consequence, its report was presented to COP-5 for ratification by the Meeting.

7. The fourth meeting was held in June 2014 and its report, identifying work completed since the last Conference of the Parties, is presented to the COP-7 for endorsement and approval.

### **Third Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Pacific Regional Center (SCPRC3)**

8. The Pacific Regional Centre was established by way of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2003 between the Secretariats of the Waigani and Basel Conventions on behalf of their respective Parties.

9. Article VII of the MOU provided for the establishment of a Steering Committee to advise on the development and implementation of the activities of the Centre and to enhance national support to its work form countries served by the Centre.

10. The Steering Committee of Pacific Regional Centre (SCPRC) has met three times since its establishment in 2006 – the first meeting of the SCPRC was held in 2008 and the second in 2010. The second meeting like the STAC-3 was inquorate and its report was again presented to COP-5 for consideration and ratification by the Meeting.

11. The third meeting was held in June 2014 and was again inquorate, and its report, identifying work done since the last Conference of the Parties is presented to the COP-7 for consideration and ratification.

### **Recommendation**

12. The Meeting is therefore invited to:

- **note** the work undertaken since the Sixth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
  - **approve** the STAC-4 Report (WC COP-7/WP.5.1); and
  - **consider** and **ratify** the SCPRC-3 Report (WC COP-7/WP5.2).
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