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 Twenty-Second SPREP Meeting shall be Marshall Islands the next in alphabetical order since the Secretariat last hosted the SPREP Meeting (20SM Apia, 2009), at which time the chair was Kiribati.

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 Twenty-First SPREP Meeting was Tonga. Under the principle of alphabetical rotation, therefore, Tuvalu should be appointed Vice-Chair of the Twenty-Second SPREP Meeting.

Recommendation

4. The Meeting is invited to:
   
   - confirm the Representative of Marshall Islands as Chair; and
   - confirm the Representative of Tuvalu as Vice-Chair.

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