



SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

Twenty-Second SPREP Meeting
Apia, Samoa
13 – 15 September 2011



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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