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**Mr David SHEPPARD,
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Re: Nuclear issues and the environment in the Pacific

Att: *Note n° 37/MEM/DSCEN Impacts environnementaux de la pollution nucléaire dans la région Pacifique*

Dear Director General

At the 22nd Meeting of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) held in Apia in September 2011, Mr Jacky BRYANT, Environment Minister for French Polynesia, observed that SPREP does not address the issue of the environmental consequences of the nuclear tests that impacted on several Pacific island States.

In response to your request, you will find attached the document "*Impacts environnementaux de la pollution nucléaire dans la région Pacifique. Le cas des essais français à Moruroa et Fangataufa*" (Environmental impacts of nuclear pollution in the Pacific region, The French tests in Moruroa and Fangataufa), which provides evidence of the appropriateness of M. BRYANT's observation.

French Polynesia, which contributes its share to SPREP, would like to see established under the umbrella of SPREP a panel of experts where the States and countries concerned by the consequences of the nuclear tests conducted in our Pacific region (including the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Kiribati, the Cook Islands and French Polynesia) would be represented. French Polynesia would gladly host the first assessment meeting of this panel on the nuclear tests.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

[Handwritten (*subject to confirmation by the author*): Neutral experts, including from Japan – Hiroshima, Nagasaki]

Des experts neutres, venant notamment du Japon - Hiroshima, Nagasaki

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