Sixth Meeting of The Waigani Convention
Sixth 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)

Noumea, New Caledonia
31st August 2012

Agenda Item 2:   Organisation of the Meeting

Purpose
1. To explain the procedure for the conduct of the Meeting and to elect officers.

Background

3. Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedures states that at the commencement of the first session of each
ordinary meeting, a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson and a Rapporteur are to be elected from among the
representatives of the Parties by a simple majority vote. These officers will constitute the bureau of the
conference. The rapporteuring function has traditionally been provided by the Secretariat.

4. There are 13 Parties to the Convention: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia,
Fiji, Kiribati, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and
Vanuatu.

Previous Chairs and Vice-Chairs:

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5. English is the working language of the meeting and the working documents are in English. The Meeting will be conducted in plenary but Working Groups may be established as needed to consider specific issues.

Recommendation

6. The Parties are invited to:

➢ to elect a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteur.

10 July 2012