

Twenty Fourth SPREP Meeting of Officials

17-19 September 2013
Apia, Samoa

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-Fourth SPREP Meeting shall be **Nauru** the next in alphabetical order since the Secretariat last hosted the SPREP Meeting (22SM Apia, 2011), at which time the chair was **Marshall Islands**.

Background

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-Third SPREP Meeting was **Wallis et Futuna**. Under the principle of alphabetical rotation, therefore, **American Samoa** should be appointed **Vice-Chair** of the Twenty-Fourth SPREP Meeting.

Recommendation

4. The Meeting is invited to:
 - **confirm** the Representative of **Nauru** as **Chair**; and
 - **confirm** the Representative of **American Samoa** as **Vice-Chair**.