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-Fifth SPREP Meeting shall be Marshall Islands, the host country.

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-Fourth SPREP Meeting was American Samoa. Under the principle of alphabetical rotation, therefore, Australia should be appointed Vice-Chair of the Twenty-Fifth SPREP Meeting.

Recommendation

4. The Meeting is invited to:

   - confirm the Representative of Marshall Islands as Chair; and
   - confirm the Representative of Australia as Vice-Chair.

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