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Twenty Sixth SPREP Meeting of Officials

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Agenda Item 6.11: SPREP Troika Terms of Reference

Purpose of the Paper

1. The purpose of the paper is to provide a Terms of Reference for the Troika which aims to:
 - (i) improve the governance of SPREP;
 - (ii) ensure greater involvement of SPREP Members in strategic decision-making of SPREP;
 - (iii) ensure the Secretariat is more accountable to its Members between SPREP Meetings; and
 - (iv) ensure input to major governance decisions including the assessment of the performance of the SPREP Director General.

Background

2. The 2014 SPREP meeting endorsed the following recommendation from the 2014 Independent Corporate Review of SPREP:

"Clarify the role of the Troika, including through a terms of reference, and ensure it has the capacity and support to perform the assigned roles, including undertaking the annual performance evaluation of the Director General, and providing advice and other support to the Director General and other members of the Senior Management Team".

3. This paper provides a first step towards clarifying the role of the Troika and was discussed at the Troika meeting of 14 July and approved with amendments for presentation to the 2015 SPREP meeting.
4. It is noted that the concept of a Governing Board for SPREP was proposed in the 2008 Independent Corporate Review and was not endorsed by the SPREP Meetings in 2008 and 2009 respectively.

Recommendation

5. The meeting is invited to:
 - **endorse** the Terms of Reference for the SPREP Troika.