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## Twenty Sixth SPREP Meeting of Officials

Apia, Samoa  
22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015

### Agenda Item 7.1 : Report on Members' Contributions

#### Purpose of Paper

1. To report to the Meeting on Members' contributions.

#### Background

2. Financial Regulation 14 requires the Director General to submit to each SPREP Meeting a report on the receipt of Members' contributions. This report provides an update on the status of Members' contributions received in 2015 (up to 21st August) as well as sharing the status of members' contributions as at the end of 2014.

#### Members' Contributions received in 2014 and 2015 (to 21 August 2015)

3. Attached for Members' information is a statement, which shows the amounts due from respective Members as at 21 August 2015. As the table indicates, a total of USD\$1,324,799 was received by the Secretariat in 2014 leaving a balance USD\$134,365 of outstanding contributions as at 31 December 2014.
4. The total outstanding contributions as at 21 August 2015 is USD\$601,818 made up of USD\$113,977 for the 2014 year and prior years, and USD\$487,841 for 2015.
5. Contributions due for 2015, is \$1,069,774 and as of 21st August, the Secretariat has received only US\$602,323 in respect of the 2015 contributions, and prior years outstanding contributions.

## Outstanding Contributions

6. Other than Members with small adjusting balances, the following are Member countries with outstanding contributions as at 21 August 2015 for both 2015 and prior years contributions:

Member Country	2014 and prior years outstanding contributions	2015 contributions payable	Payments to 21- August-15	Balance as at 21-Aug-15
Fiji	95	20,360	(76)	20,379
French Polynesia		20,360		20,360
Guam	122,160	20,360		142,520
Kiribati	14	10,184		10,198
Marshall Islands		10,184		10,184
Nauru		10,184		10,184
New Caledonia		20,360	(16,366)	3,994
Niue		10,184		10,184
Northern Marianas	128,769	10,184		138,953
Palau	23,680	10,184		33,864
Papua New Guinea		20,360		20,360
USA	(94,491)	186,787		92,297
Vanuatu	50,706	20,360		71,066
Wallis & Futuna Islands	17,216	10,184		27,400

## Recommendation

7. The Meeting is invited to:

- **consider** the report and **address** the problem of outstanding member contributions; and
  - **commit** itself collectively and individually to paying current and outstanding contributions in full in 2015
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