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Twenty Seventh SPREP Meeting of Officials

Alofi, Niue
19 – 21 September 2016

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-Seventh SPREP Meeting shall be **Niue** 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-Sixth SPREP Meeting was **Cook Islands**. Under the principle of alphabetical rotation, therefore, **Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)** should be appointed **Vice-Chair** of the Twenty-Seventh SPREP Meeting.

Recommendation

4. The Meeting is invited to:
 - **confirm** the Representative of **Niue** as **Chair**; and
 - **confirm** the Representative of **FSM** as **Vice-Chair**.

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