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Twenty Seventh SPREP Meeting

Alofi, Niue

19 – 21 September 2016

Agenda Item 7.1: Report on Members' Contributions

Purpose

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 as at 31st December 2015 as well as a brief update on the status of membership contributions to date (as at the time of the meeting).

Members' Contributions received in 2015 and 2016

3. The audited Financial Statements as at 31st December 2015 noted total contributions received from Members of \$1,427,454 which is an increase of \$84,854 compared to contributions received in 2014 of \$1,342,600.
4. As circulated, you will find attached for Members' information is the current updated statement of contributions as at 31st August 2016. As the table indicates, the total balance that was outstanding on contributions from members as at 31 December 2015 was USD\$150,154. The table also shows the amounts due from respective Members as at 31st August 2016 which comprises of unpaid amounts from prior years and amounts outstanding to date for the current year.
5. Contributions due for 2016, amount to \$1,069,774, and voluntary contributions is \$53,489. As at 31 August 2016, the Secretariat had received only US\$531,786 in respect of the 2016 contributions, which in combination with prior years' outstanding contributions leaves an outstanding balance on unpaid contributions from members of US\$741,631.

Outstanding Contributions

6. Other than Members with small adjusting balances, the following are Member countries with outstanding contributions as at 31 August 2016 for both 2016 and prior years' contributions:

<i>MEMBER COUNTRY</i>	<i>Balance as at 31/12/15</i>	<i>2016 Payable</i>	<i>2016 Voluntary Contributions Payable</i>	<i>Payment Received</i>	<i>Balance of Contributions Outstanding as at 31/8/16</i>
Federated States of Micronesia	0	10,184	509	-	10,693
Fiji	34	20,360	1,018	- 20,344	1,068
French Polynesia	- 0	20,360	1,018	-	21,377
Guam	122,160	20,360	1,018	- 21,371	122,168
Marshall Islands	0	10,184	509	-	10,694
Nauru	0	10,184	509	- 9,358	1,336
New Caledonia	3,994	20,360	1,018	-	25,371
Niue	10,184	10,184	509	- 20,340	538
Northern Marianas	138,953	10,184	509	-	149,647
Palau	33,864	10,184	509	-	44,558
Papua New Guinea	0	20,360	1,018	-	21,378
Samoa	0	20,360	1,018	- 20,340	1,038
Solomon Islands	0	20,360	1,018	- 20,328	1,051
United Kingdom	-	134,202	6,711	-	140,913
United States of America	- 107,703	186,787	9,339	-	88,423
Vanuatu	62,086	20,360	1,018	-	83,464
Wallis & Futuna Islands	27,400	10,184	509	- 20,361	17,733
Total	290,975	555,158	27,757	- 132,441	741,449

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 2016

12 September, 2016