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-Eighth SPREP Meeting shall be Palau the next in alphabetical order since the Secretariat last hosted the SPREP Meeting (26SM, Apia 2015).

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-Seventh SPREP Meeting was Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). Under the principle of alphabetical rotation, therefore, Fiji should be appointed Vice-Chair of the Twenty-Eighth SPREP Meeting.

Recommendation

4. The Meeting is invited to:
   - confirm the Representative of Palau as Chair; and
   - confirm the Representative of Fiji as Vice-Chair.

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