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Twenty Eighth SPREP Meeting of Officials

Apia, Samoa
19 – 21 September 2017

Agenda Item 9.1: 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 2016 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 2016 and 2017

3. The audited Financial Statements as at 31st December 2016 noted total contributions received from Members of US\$1,005,105 which is a decrease of US\$422,349 compared to contributions received in 2015 of US\$1,427,454.
4. As circulated, you will find attached for Members' information the latest updated statement of contributions as at 30th June 2017 (see table below). As the table indicates, the total balance that was outstanding on contributions from members at 31 December 2016 was USD\$288,612. The table also shows the amounts due from respective Members as at 30th June 2017 comprising of unpaid amounts from prior years and amounts outstanding to date for the current year.
5. Contributions due for 2017, amount to \$1,069,771, and voluntary contributions is \$53,489. As at 30th June 2017, the Secretariat had received only US\$790,179 of the 2017 contributions, which in combination with prior years' outstanding contributions leaves an outstanding balance on unpaid contributions from members of US\$621,689 (refer to Annex 1).

Outstanding Contributions

6. Other than Members with small adjusting balances, the following are Member countries with outstanding contributions as at 30 June 2017 for both 2017 and prior years' contributions:

MEMBER COUNTRY	Balance 31-Dec-16	2017 Payable	2017 Voluntary Contribution Payable	Payment Received at 30 Jun 17 Normal	Payment Received at 30 Jun 17 Voluntary	Balance of Contributions Outstanding at 30 Jun 17
Cook Islands	20	10,184	509	(10,184)	(192)	337
Fiji	1,068	20,360	1,018	(20,410)		2,036
French Polynesia	1,018	20,360	1,018			22,396
Guam	122,167	20,360	1,018	(20,360)	(1,018)	122,167
Marshall Islands	10,693	10,184	509	(10,184)		11,201
Nauru	1,336	10,184	509	(9,432)		2,596
New Caledonia	231	20,360	1,018	(20,360)	(908)	341
Niue	537	10,184	509	(10,182)	(485)	564
Northern Marianas	149,646	10,184	509	(20,368)		139,970
Palau	24,557	10,184	509			35,249
Papua New Guinea	12,625	20,360	1,018			34,003
Solomon Islands	1,050	20,360	1,018	(20,360)		2,067
Tonga	59	10,184	509	(10,184)	(517)	52
Tuvalu	8	10,184	509	(10,184)	(510)	7
United Kingdom	140,913	134,202	6,711	(134,202)	(6,711)	140,913
United States of America	(106,240)	186,787	9,339			89,886
Wallis & Futuna Islands	7,047	10,184	509			17,740
Total	288,612	\$534,805	\$26,739	(\$296,409)	(\$10,339)	621,525

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 2017

15 August, 2017