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## **Ninth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement and the Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region (Waigani Convention)**

Apia, Samoa  
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### **Agenda Item 5.3(ii): National legislation, notification, enforcement of the convention and efforts to combat illegal trafficking**

#### **Purpose:**

1. To table national legislation, notification, enforcement of the convention and efforts to combat illegal trafficking

#### **Background:**

2. Article 7.3 of the Waigani Convention requires Parties, consistent with their national laws and regulations, to set up information, collection and dissemination mechanisms on hazardous wastes to enable the Secretariat to fulfil its obligations under articles 9.6 and 14.
3. While the Second Meeting in of the Conference of the Parties in 2004 adopted the recommendation that Reporting and Transmission of Information forms should be filled out annually by Parties and submitted to the SPREP in its role as the Secretariat of the Waigani Convention and the Guidance Elements for Detection, Prevention and control of Illegal Traffic in Hazardous Wastes and the Form for confirmed cases of Illegal Traffic, the parties are not required to submit any national legislation, notification advices, enforcement of the convention activities or details of efforts to combat illegal trafficking in their jurisdiction.
4. This paper is purposely presented to attract discussions on what parties have done in order to meet their obligations under the various articles of the conventions pertaining to national legislation (Article 3), notification (Article 6), enforcement of the convention (Article 10) and efforts to combat illegal trafficking (Article 9).

#### **Recommendation:**

5. The Meeting is invited to:
  - **table** any national legislation developed or revised, notification received or sent and enforcement of the convention during 2016-2017;
  - **share** with the Secretariat and other Parties their experience on any instances of illegal traffic since September 2015; and
  - **discuss** options on how the gaps that currently exist in their national systems can be addressed during 2018-2019