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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  
15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Agenda Item 8: Financial Statements for 2016 and 2017**

**Purpose**

1. To table the audited Financial Statements for the Waigani Convention for the 2016 and 2017 financial years.

**Background**

2. Rule 9.4 of the Financial Rules for the Waigani Convention require that the Director General of SPREP circulate the full report of the Auditors, including comments on the financial operations of the Convention and accounts together with such remarks as he may wish to offer to Parties, prior to the next Meeting of the Parties. The Director General's remarks (WP.9.1) are based on the following documents:
  - the Report of the Auditors for 2015 that was tabled at the 26<sup>th</sup> SPREP Meeting (WP.9.2)
  - the Income and Expenditure Statement from Jan 2016-July 2017 (WP.9.3a and WP.9.3b)
3. The Financial Regulations do not require, and the small annual budget for the Convention do not justify, separate audited accounts from those presented to the SPREP Meeting.

**Recommendation**

4. The Meeting is invited to:
    - **adopt** the relevant parts of the audited Financial Statements for 2016 and 2017.
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