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TO: SPREP Focal Points of Parties
to the Convention

SUBJECT: *Eleventh ordinary meeting of the contracting parties to the convention for the protection of the natural resources and environment of the South Pacific Region and related protocols (Noumea Convention) 30 August 2012*

Dear Focal Points,

I am pleased to advise that the *11th ordinary meeting of the contracting parties to the convention for the protection of the natural resources and environment of the South Pacific Region and related protocols (Noumea Convention)* will be held in Noumea, New Caledonia on the 30th August 2012, prior to the 23rd SPREP meeting. The provisional agenda for the Meeting and supporting documentation will follow in due course.

I would like to invite nominations and appreciate if the Secretariat could be advised by the 27th June 2012 of the name of the *designated, suitable representative and accompanying experts or advisers* to attend the forthcoming Meeting. Funding is available to support the attendance of one representative from each of the Countries (excluding Australia, France, New Zealand and the United States of America) who are Parties to the Noumea Convention. Representatives of other countries are invited as observers.

The Parties to the Noumea Convention are: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, France, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, and United States of America. I am also pleased to invite working papers for the Meeting to be sent to the Secretariat by the 27th June 2012.

I additionally invite national reports to the convention to be submitted, also by the 27th June 2012, please find the format for national reporting attached.

I thank you kindly for your consideration and encourage participation in this COP Meeting.

Yours sincerely,

David Sheppard
Director General

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