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Dear Members,

I am honored to inform you of the excellent news that SPREP was accredited as a Regional Implementing Entity (RIE) of the Green Climate Fund, (GCF), at the GCF Board Meeting on 26 March, 2015.

I am delighted at this development, as it means we will be able to better support our Pacific island members in the areas of SPREP's mandate and, in particular, help them to access funds under the GCF. I am also very proud of the SPREP Team which worked so hard to prepare the application over the last 4 months but, more importantly, has worked so hard over the last 5 years to strengthen the governance and accountability of SPREP. Without these efforts we would never have been accredited as a Regional Implementing Entity (RIE) under GCF.

It is the view of SPREP that one of the key roles of SPREP in having the RIE status is to support Pacific countries in their own efforts to become accredited as national implementing entities (NIE) and this will be a priority. Working with SPREP as an RIE would impart valuable capacity building to our Pacific Island members and enhance their likelihood of achieving NIE status.

SPREP will shortly be advertising a senior Climate Finance Adviser position who will, when appointed take on a leadership role in supporting Pacific countries and SPREP on our future role with the Green Climate Fund.

Finally I would like to thank, most sincerely, all SPREP Members for their guidance, hard work and support for SPREP at all stages of our work over the last 5 years. We will now move forward and begin preparing a GCF project pipeline, with and for Pacific countries, at the earliest opportunity.

Kind regards,



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