



SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

Third 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)

(Third Meeting of the Waigani Convention)

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Agenda Item 4: Presentation of Report by the Secretariat of work since the Second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Purpose

1. To present for consideration by the Meeting the report of work undertaken by the Secretariat since the Second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, (A) in response to decisions of the Second Conference of the Parties, 2004 (B) in fulfillment of the Waigani Convention Work Programme 2005-2006 and (C) against the Business Plan for the Pacific Regional Centre.

Recommendation

2. The Parties are invited:

- to **consider** and **note** the Report of the Secretariat outlining work undertaken since the Second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, (A) in response to decisions of the Second Conference of the Parties, 2004 (B) in fulfillment of the Waigani Convention Work Programme 2005-2006 and (C) against the Business Plan for the Pacific Regional Centre.

Report by the Waigani Secretariat of work undertaken

Part A: Decision from the Second Conference of the Parties, 2004

Decision WC/2/I – Institutional Arrangements

The Conference:

1. Considered and approved the Terms of Reference for the STAC as reviewed and amended by STAC1 and attached as Annex IV

Action Take to Date:

No action needed to be taken by Parties or the Secretariat

Decision WC/2/II – Designation of Competent Authorities and Focal Points

The Conference:

Urged Parties who had not done so, to inform the Secretariat in writing through the National Focal Point for SPREP of their designated competent authority and focal point for the Convention including any modifications or additions as they occur;

Requested the Secretariat to update where necessary and post the list of competent authorities and focal points on the SPREP website; and

Urged the Secretariat to continue to pursue funding opportunities to enhance the capacity of competent authorities and focal points towards the effective implementation of the Waigani Convention

Action Taken to Date:

Since 2004, no new information regarding designated competent authorities and focal points for the Convention were forwarded to the Secretariat

The Secretariat has posted the current list of all designated competent authorities and focal points for the Convention on the SPREP Website

The Secretariat has worked collaboratively with the Secretariat of the Basel Convention (SBC) in securing funds from the European Community (EC) for the holding of the Pacific Regional Training Workshop on Reporting and Inventories of Hazardous Waste. The Governments of Australia and New Zealand as well as the private sector from New Zealand also gave in-kind support.

The Secretariat with funding from UNEP also conducted a pilot project in Tonga with the aim of harmonising the legislative arrangements required to implement the four international conventions relevant to the management of hazardous wastes and chemicals. The project involved consultations and 2 workshops and finished in February 2005 with the initial endorsement of a draft Hazardous Wastes and Chemicals Bill. There has been interest expressed in replicating this exercise in other island Parties.

Decision WC/2/III – Relationship between Basel and Waigani Conventions Secretariats:
The Pacific Regional Centre

The Conference:

1. Endorsed the decision of STAC1 to the establishment of a joint Waigani/ Basel regional centre;
2. Noted the conclusion of an MOU between the Secretariat to the Waigani and Basel Conventions on the operation of the Center
3. Reinforced the recommendations adopted by STAC1, in particular to:

Urge the Secretariat to further its collaboration with the Basel Secretariat and any other relevant Secretariats of Conventions to allow the Pacific Regional Centre to become operational at the earliest; and

Strongly appeals to Parties to make every effort to support the Pacific Regional Centre in its effort to implement the business plan (attached as Annex V) in line with the agreed work programme of the Waigani Convention and SPREP work programme

Action Taken to Date:

1. *No additional action needed to be taken by Parties or the Secretariat*
2. *No additional action needed to be taken by Parties or the Secretariat*
3. *Following the approval of the establishment of the Pacific Regional Centre, the Secretariat has worked collaboratively with the SBC and the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention to successfully organise regional training workshops geared toward improving and enhancing the capabilities of focal points and competent authorities as well as national technical personnel in managing hazardous waste in an environmentally sound manner. These regional training workshops include:*

The Workshop on the Regional Delivery of Technical Assistance to Pacific Island Countries – A Case Study for the Stockholm Convention Wellington, New Zealand, (June 2004)

Regional Consultation for the Asia Pacific countries on the Draft BAT/BEP Guidelines, Wellington, New Zealand, (March 2005)

Participated and provided technical guidance and advice to the Regional Workshop on Lessons Learned and Good Practice in Preparation of the National Implementation Plans for the Pacific Islands Region, Suva, Fiji (January, 2006)

Asia-Pacific E-waste Management Workshop (Basel Convention), Tokyo, Japan, November 2005 – from this workshop we have now secured some funds to implement a project on e-waste in the Pacific region

Pacific Regional Training Workshop on Reporting and Inventories of Hazardous Waste, Apia, Samoa (July 2006)

Decision WC/2/IV – Cooperation with other Institutions

The Conference:

1. Supported the need to give consideration to the Pacific Regional Centre for the joint implementation of the Waigani and Basel Conventions in the process of assessing SPREP capacity to host the Stockholm Centre;
2. Encouraged the Secretariat of the Waigani Convention to continue its discussions with the Interim Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention on POPs and SPREP on the possible establishment of a Stockholm Centre to be hosted by SPREP;
3. Invited the Secretariat to further strengthen its collaboration with the Secretariats of the Stockholm, Rotterdam and Basel Conventions and any other institutions to undertake the necessary steps for conducting joint capacity development activities for the management of chemicals and hazardous wastes in an integrated manner at the national level;
4. Called on the Secretariat to make every effort to ensure the involvement of relevant NGOs where appropriate in the process of implementing the Waigani Convention, in particular matters related to awareness raising;
5. Requested the Secretariat jointly with SPREP to continue their cooperation with the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention on POPs to assist countries with the finalisation and implementation of their National Implementation Plans (NIPs); and
6. Urged the Secretariat to undertake joint fund raising efforts with the Secretariats of relevant Conventions to aid in the implementation of the Conventions, including the development of a model national regulatory framework for the management of chemicals and hazardous wastes.

Action Taken to Date:

1. *No additional action needed to be taken by Parties or the Secretariat*
2. *The Secretariat has collaboratively work with the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention in undertaking a Case Study to assess and determine the suitability and competence of SPREP to serve as a regional Center for the Stockholm Convention. This is consistent with Paragraph 4 of Article 12 of the Stockholm Convention which states in part that as part of the arrangements for the purpose of providing technical assistance and promoting the transfer of technology to developing Parties and Parties with economies in transition relating to the implementation of the Convention, regional and sub-regional centers be set up to assist with such assistance. It is for this reason that the Interim Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention approached SPREP to undertake this case study. The report of the case study (along with other similar case studies) was tabled at the Stockholm Convention COP-2 and discussed. The COP-2 agreed to establish a contact group, to be chaired by Mr. Karel Blaha (Czech Republic) and Mr. Frederick Sikabongo (Namibia), to consider the issues raised during the discussion and prepare a draft decision for the consideration of the Conference.*

3. *The Secretariat has established good working relationships with the Secretariats of the Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions and is continuing to work with these Secretariats in exploring ways in which the synergistic and integrated approaches to the environmentally sound management of chemicals and hazardous waste can be done at the regional and national levels in our region. The Secretariat has also been approached by the Secretariat of the Strategic Approaches for International Chemical Management (SAICM) to work with it in the implementation of the SAICM Overarching Policy Strategy in the Pacific region.*

4. *In organizing regional activities, the Secretariat has also invited NGOs to participate. In fact, in 2003, the Secretariat organised two regional Stockholm Convention NIP training workshops to run in parallel with an NGO-organised regional workshop on how the POPs issue can be brought to the general public using existing NGO networks. At the Stockholm Convention Regional Centre Case Study undertaken in 2004, three NGOs participated and made presentations on how they could add value to what the Secretariat was already doing. These were Greenpeace, Live and Learn, and Pacific Concerns Resource Centre (PCRC). At another Stockholm Convention regional training workshop in Vanuatu in 2004, two NGOs participated as well – they were Live and Learn and Taporoporoanga Ipukarea Society Inc from Cook Islands. Invitations were sent out to two NGOs for the recent regional training on Reporting and Inventory of Hazardous waste but there were no responses.*

5. *This activity is part of SPREP's Strategic Program. Since 2001 the Secretariat has work collaboratively with the Stockholm Convention Secretariat to organising a number of regional training workshops to assist the countries with the development of their respective NIPs. The Secretariat has also directly assisted a number of countries in the region at various stages of their NIP development. This service is still available to region and will extend to the implementation phase of these NIPs.*

6. *A number of proposals have been developed in conjunction with the Secretariats of the Basel and Stockholm Conventions to raise funds to assist countries in the region in the implementation of the Conventions. An example of this association is the recent completion of a national regulatory framework for the synergistic implementation of the 3 chemical conventions (Basel, Stockholm, Rotterdam) developed and trialed in Tonga. The securing of funds from the Japanese Government through the SBC to implement an e-waste project in the region is another example of the Secretariat's efforts in raising funds for Convention related activities.*

Decision WC/2/V – Financial arrangement for the administration of the Waigani Convention – Scale of Contributions

The Conference:

1. Approved the scale of contribution from Parties as contained in Annex VI

Action Taken to Date:

1. *No additional action needed to be taken by Parties or the Secretariat*
2. *As of 20 July 2006, 8 Pacific island Parties has unpaid contributions for the present and previous biennia.*

Decision WC/2/VI – Work Programme and Budget

The Conference:

Adopted the Core Budget for the Biennium 2005-2006 for the Waigani Convention attached as Annex VII to be funded according to the scale of contributions approved earlier in this meeting and shown together with the Core Budget;

Urged all Parties to meet their assessed contributions due on 1 January 2005 and to consider making additional contributions over the core budget to fund the work programme

Approved the Work Programme Budget for the Waigani Convention for the biennium 2005-2006 attached as Annex VIII; and

Urged donors, non-Parties, NGOs, and International agencies to make voluntary contributions both cash and in-kind to help implement the provisions of the Waigani Convention; and the Secretariat to make every effort to identify sources of funding and to assist implement the work programme 2005-2006

Action Taken to Date:

No additional action needed to be taken by Parties or the Secretariat

A list of current contributions since the First Meeting of the Parties has been compiled and is regularly updated (see text previous page)

No additional action needed to be taken by Parties or the Secretariat

Apart from the financial and in-kind support from the UNEP, SBC and SSC, the only major assistance provided to help implement the provisions of the Waigani Convention has been provided by the Government of Australia through the implementation of the POPs in PICs project. In this work, the Secretariat and the Australian Managing Company visited the focal points and competent authorities in the countries participating in the project and provided technical advice to facilitate the fulfilment of legal and administrative requirements for the export and movement of waste from Pacific Island Countries to Australia. The Government of New Zealand has also provided in-kind technical support by providing two technical resource people to the recent regional training on Reporting and Inventories of Hazardous waste

Decision WC/2/VII

The Conference:

Endorsed the Draft Reporting and Transmission of Information (Annex IX) as well as the Draft Notification Document (Annex X) and the draft Movement Document (Annex XI);

Requested the Parties to meet their reporting obligations under the Waigani Convention for the calendar year 2004 using the Forms adopted by this meeting which would enable the Secretariat to fulfil its obligations under Article 14 of the Convention;

Encouraged the Secretariat to further its efforts with the Secretariat of the Basel Convention to secure funds to hold the training workshop on Reporting and Inventories of Hazardous Wastes and to use any existing tools or mechanisms such as the PEIN project to link its regional clearinghouse mechanism with other relevant clearinghouses or databases managed by other regional organizations and any other relevant Conventions secretariat for better management, sharing and analysis of information on hazardous wastes; and

Further encouraged the Secretariat to prepare country-fact sheets after Parties have fulfilled their first reporting requirements and subsequent ones under the Waigani Convention and to make such information available on a regular basis to the Parties, non Parties, any other related Convention Secretariats, institutions and agencies having a direct interest in the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes.

Action Taken to Date:

No additional action needed to be taken by Parties or the Secretariat

To date, no Party has submitted reports under the Waigani Convention for the calendar year of 2004 using the Forms adopted by COP-2

The Secretariat in collaboration with the SBC with financial support from EC and SPREP, successfully conducted this regional training workshop on Reporting and Inventories of Hazardous Wastes in Apia, Samoa in July 2006. The Governments of Australia and New Zealand also provided technical support. The Secretariat has already developed a dedicated web page for legal matters on the SPREP homepage where all the Waigani Convention documents are posted and updated. This is in addition to the PEIN project mechanism, which is regularly used by the Secretariat in getting information out to the countries using their network. Useful links have also been activated in the Legal Matters page.

Due to the non-reporting by the Parties of activities relating to the implementation of the Waigani Convention in their respective countries, the Secretariat has not been able to prepare these country fact sheets and is unable to make them available to the Parties, non-Parties, any other related Convention Secretariats, institutions and agencies having a direct interest in the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes.

Decision WC/2/VIII – Prevention and monitoring of illegal traffic

The Conference:

Encouraged Parties to undertake consultations and where necessary develop any informal agreements with the Parties to the Basel Convention to better prevent, monitor and remedy illegal traffic and to inform the Secretariat of the Waigani Convention about such consultations;

Requested Parties to promote cross-sectional coordination within their governments and other means to prevent and penalise illegal traffic in hazardous waste;

Urged Parties to promulgate or develop stringent national legislation on the control of transboundary movement of hazardous waste including appropriate sections or penalties for the illegal traffic of hazardous waste; and

Approved the Guidance Elements for Detection Prevention and Control of Illegal Traffic in Hazardous Waste (attached as Annex XII) and the Form of Confirmed Cases of Illegal Traffic (attached as Annex XIII) as reviewed and amended by the first meeting of the STAC

Action Taken to Date:

To date, no reports have been received from the Parties on whether these consultations had been undertaken and where necessary any informal agreement had been developed with the Parties to the Basel Convention to better prevent, monitor and remedy illegal traffic

Again, due to non-reporting of Waigani Convention related activities by the Parties, the Secretariat is unable to provide a report on the results of this promotion of cross-sectional coordination mechanisms within the governments systems and other means to prevent and penalise illegal traffic in hazardous waste

Again, due to non-reporting of Waigani Convention related activities by the Parties, the Secretariat is unable to provide a report whether Parties have promulgated or developed stringent national legislation on the control of transboundary movement of hazardous waste including appropriate sections or penalties for the illegal traffic of hazardous waste

No additional action needed to be taken by Parties or the Secretariat

Decision WC/2/IX – Legal and Technical Assistance

The Conference:

Requested the Secretariat to develop programmes of training and technology transfer, and to conduct capacity building activities as funding allows in the budget approved by the Parties, and in cooperation with the Secretariat of the Basel Convention, as well as national authorities, to develop programmes of training and technology transfer, and to conduct capacity building activities;

Urged Parties, non-Parties, intergovernmental organizations, members of the industries and business sectors, and non-governmental organizations to provide financial resources or assistance in-kind, to assist countries in need of such assistance in the development of training activities, seminars and technology transfer for the environmentally sound management of hazardous waste;

Further urged Parties, other States and potential donors to contribute financially, technically or in-kind to the operation of the Pacific Regional Centre toward the implementation of activities as contained in its business plan;

Adopted the Waigani Instruction Manual of the Control System for the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste (attached as Annex XIV), for use by the Parties, non-Parties and other interested organizations;

Requested the Secretariat to publish the Instruction Manual and to disseminate it widely;

Requested Parties to play an active role in ensuring wide distribution of the Manual to all bodies, authorities and persons involved in the environmentally sound management of hazardous waste, in particular the generation, export, import and/or disposal in their countries; and

Invited Parties to convey to the Secretariat any information related to their experience in using the Manual, in particular the difficulties encountered

Action Taken to Date:

The Secretariat has, as part of its work program, developed a range of capacity building activities to enhance the capacities of the Parties in implementing the Waigani Convention. Many of these activities are being undertaken in collaboration with the activities of the joint Waigani/ Basel regional centre and are on-going.

The Secretariat has had great support from the following group: EC, SBC, SSC, the Governments of Australia and New Zealand, the Australian Managing Company for the POPs in PICs project, and the University of Auckland. Apart from this, very little support has been received from other Parties, non-Parties, members of the industries and business sectors, or non-governmental organizations.

The Pacific Regional Centre has had great support from the SBC, the Government of Japan, the EC, the Governments of Australia and New Zealand, the Australian Managing Company for the POPs in PICs project, and the University of Auckland. Apart from this, very little support has been received from other Parties, non-Parties, members of the industries and business sectors, or non-governmental organizations.

No additional action needed to be taken by Parties or the Secretariat

The Instruction Manual is being professionally edited before it goes to the printery for printing and then circulated to the Parties.

Parties are again requested to play an active role in widely distributing the Manual once it has been finalised, printed and circulated.

Once the manual has been printed and circulated, then the Parties can report on their experiences in using the Manual

Part B: Waigani Convention Work Programme 2005-2006

Recommended Waigani Convention Work Programme 2005 - 2006**Goal: The effective implementation of the Waigani Convention**

Output	Outcome	Activities	Performance Measure	Timeframe	Estimated Budget (USD)	Action Taken to Date
1. Development of adequate national legislation on the management of hazardous wastes	Convention implemented through national legislation	Review of national legislation; consultation with relevant stakeholders; awareness raising and drafting of national legislation	Five Parties provided with adequate national legislation on the control system for the transboundary movement and management of hazardous wastes	2005/2006	85,000	<i>The Secretariat provided technical assistance to Tonga in completing their national regulatory framework for the synergistic implementation of the 3 chemical conventions (Basel, Stockholm, Rotterdam)</i>
2. Information effectively managed, disseminated and exchanged	Surveys of information needs; development of information systems; training (workshop/attachments)	1. Strengthening of national and regional clearinghouse mechanisms in synergy with existing national and regional clearinghouse(s) such as PEIN, SIDSnet, and SPREP; 2. Training with respect to the clearinghouse mechanisms	1. Clearinghouse mechanism initiated at national and regional level; 2. Key enforcement staff trained in analytical use of clearinghouse mechanism.	2005– 2008	50,000	<i>The Secretariat has already developed a dedicated web page for legal matters on the SPREP homepage where all the Waigani Convention documents are posted and updated. This is in addition to the PEIN project mechanism, which is regularly used by the Secretariat in getting information out to the countries using their network</i>
3. Training of competent authorities and focal point	Competent authorities and focal points able to implement responsibilities under the convention	Workshop on the reporting requirements of the Waigani and Basel Conventions, with reference to developing national inventories of hazardous wastes.	1. Inventories initiated in-country. 2. Parties report as required under the Conventions	2005/2006	65,000	<i>The Secretariat in collaboration with the SBC and with financial support from EC and SPREP, successfully conducted this regional training workshop on Reporting and Inventories of Hazardous Wastes in Apia, Samoa in July 2006. The Governments of Australia and New Zealand also provided technical support.</i>

Output	Outcome	Activities	Performance Measure	Timeframe	Estimated Budget (USD)	Action Taken to Date
4. Relevant stakeholders effectively implementing the Convention	Familiarisation of enforcement staff with the obligations under the Convention	National workshops in five countries to train customs, police, port, environment, and legal officers	Workshops are held; Officers of national agencies trained	2006 – 2007	50,000	<i>To date, no action taken on this output</i>
5. Promotion of ratification and implementation to the Waigani/Basel Conventions	Broader representation and participation of Pacific Island Countries in the Conventions	Development of fact sheets, briefings papers, booklets, press kit.	3 more ratifications to the Waigani Convention; Increased awareness of politicians and community to issues concerning hazardous waste management (e.g. e-waste)	2005/2006	5,000	<i>The Secretariat has approached and encouraged the Governments of Vanuatu and Palau to ratify the Waigani Convention with Vanuatu indicating that they were in the process of preparing the instruments of ratification while we have not had much response from Palau. Nauru and Marshall Islands are already Parties to the Basel Convention and feel that their needs are adequately covered by that Convention</i>
6. Collaboration with the Basel Convention and relevant institutions	Development of complementary approach to hazardous waste management in the Pacific region	Promotion of the Waigani Convention and the Pacific Regional Centre to facilitate implementation of related chemicals Conventions	Waigani and Pacific Regional Centre effectively used to facilitate the implementation of related Chemical Conventions	2005/2006	2,000	<i>The Secretariat has established good working relationships with the Secretariats of the Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions and is continuing to work with these Secretariats in exploring ways in which the synergistic and integrated approaches to the environmentally sound management of chemicals and hazardous waste can be done at the regional and national levels in our region. The Secretariat has also been approached by the Secretariat of the Strategic Approaches for International Chemical Management (SAICM) to work with it in the implementation of the SAICM Overarching Policy Strategy in the Pacific region.</i>

Output	Outcome	Activities	Performance Measure	Timeframe	Estimated Budget (USD)	Action Taken to Date
7. Effective operation of the Pacific Regional Centre	Regional Centre facilitating implementation of the Waigani and Basel Conventions	1. Develop joint business plan for Regional Centre with Basel Secretariat 2. Maintenance of Regional Centre fund raising	Business plan implemented	2005/2006	80,000	<i>Following the approval of the establishment of the Pacific Regional Centre, the Secretariat has worked collaboratively with the SBC (and other Secretariats of relevant Conventions) to start implementing the regional centre business plan. These have included successfully organise regional training workshops geared toward improving and enhancing the capabilities of focal points and competent authorities as well as national technical personnel in managing hazardous waste in an environmentally sound manner</i>
					\$337,000	

Part C: Business Plan for the Pacific Regional Centre

Business Plan for the Pacific Regional Centre

Work Programme & Activities	Timeframe	Outcome	Partners	Budget (US\$)	Relation to the Strategic Plan	Actions Taken to Date
General backstopping	2005-2006	Core staff, office space, office equipment, telecommunication, audiovisual equipment, maintenance of office space and equipment.	SPREP	80,000 in-kind	Field (f)	<i>These comprise SPREP's in-kind contribution of assets that can be used by the Centre, as confirmed in the Memorandum of Understanding with the Basel Secretariat.</i>
Fund raising	2005-2006	Number of activities funded	SPREP	3,000 in-kind	Field (f)	<i>As part of the Secretariat's fund raising efforts, a number of proposals were developed in conjunction with the Secretariats of the Basel and Stockholm Conventions to raise funds to assist countries in the region in the implementation of the Conventions. Two examples of the successful fund raising efforts are the successful conducting of the recent regional training workshop on Reporting and Inventories of Hazardous wastes and the recent completion of a national regulatory framework for the synergistic implementation of the 3 chemical conventions (Basel, Stockholm, Rotterdam) developed and trialed in Tonga. The securing of funds from the Japanese Government through the SBC to implement an e-waste project in the region is another example of the Secretariat's efforts in raising funds for Convention related activities.</i>
Development of adequate legislation on the management of hazardous wastes in five (5) Countries	2005-2006	Review of national legislation; consultation with relevant stakeholders; awareness raising and drafting of national legislation for five (5) countries.	SBC-SPREP	50,000	Field (e)	<i>The Secretariat provided technical assistance to Tonga in completing their national regulatory framework for the synergistic implementation of the 3 chemical conventions (Basel, Stockholm, Rotterdam)</i>
Information knowledge management	2005-2006	Surveys of information needs; Development of information systems; Training (workshop/ attachments).	SOPAC SPREP SBC UNEP Chemicals	70,000	Field (g)	<i>The Secretariat has already developed a dedicated web page for legal matters on the SPREP homepage where all the Waigani Convention documents are posted and updated. This is in addition to the PEIN project mechanism, which is regularly used by the Secretariat in getting information out to the countries using their network</i>

Work Programme & Activities	Timeframe	Outcome	Partners	Budget (US\$)	Relation to the Strategic Plan	Actions Taken to Date
						<i>network</i>
Training for enforcement staff (customs, police, port, legal officers, etc.)	2005-2006	Workshops to familiarize enforcement staff with the obligations under the Conventions and to further facilitate their implementation; Production of guidance manual.	SBC-SPREP	50,000	Field (i)	<i>To date, no action has been taken on progressing this output</i>
Promotion of ratification and implementation of the Basel/Waigani Conventions	2005-2006	Increasing number of Pacific Islands countries to the Basel and Waigani Conventions; Production of fact sheets, briefing papers, booklets, press kit, etc.	SPREP	2,000 in-kind	Field (g)	<i>The Secretariat has approached and encouraged the Governments of Vanuatu and Palau to ratify the Waigani Convention with Vanuatu indicating that they were in the process of preparing the instruments of ratification while we have not had much response from Palau. Nauru and Marshall Islands are already Parties to the Basel Convention and feel that their needs are adequately covered by this Convention</i>
Development of partnerships	2005-2006	Formal working relationship with secretariats of relevant conventions, NGOs and the business sector developed	SPREP SBC Stockholm NGOs	In-kind	Field (f) Field (h)	<i>In organizing regional activities, the Secretariat has also invited NGOs to participate. In fact, in 2003, the Secretariat organised two regional Stockholm Convention NIP training workshops to run in parallel with an NGO-organised regional workshop on how the POPs issue can be brought to the general public using existing NGO networks. At the Stockholm Convention Regional Centre Case Study undertaken in 2004, three NGOs participated and made presentations on how they could add value to what the Secretariat was already doing. These were Greenpeace, Live and Learn, and Pacific Concerns Resource Centre (PCRC). At another Stockholm Convention regional training workshop in Vanuatu in 2004, two NGOs participated as well – they were Live and Learn and Taporoporoanga Ipukarea Society Inc from Cook Islands. Invitations were sent out to two NGOs for the recent regional training on Reporting and Inventory of Hazardous waste but there were no responses.</i>
Identification and adaptation of tools to	2005-2006	A number of tools revised including technical guidelines to respond to	SPREP	10,000	Field (f)	<i>STAC 1 began the task of adapting Forms under the Basel Convention for use by Pacific island countries,</i>

Work Programme & Activities	Timeframe	Outcome	Partners	Budget (US\$)	Relation to the Strategic Plan	Actions Taken to Date
facilitate implementation of the Basel/Waigani Conventions		specific needs of the Pacific.	SBC			<i>eg. for National Reports. More documents remain to be adapted and this will be an on-going task as both Conventions evolve.</i>
Training on reporting requirements (Basel Art. 13&16, Waigani Art. 14.2)	2005-2006	Appropriate training provided to Focal Points to better monitor the implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions at the national level.	SPREP SBC	30,000	Field (i)	<i>The Secretariat in collaboration with the SBC and with financial support from EC and SPREP, successfully conducted this regional training workshop on Reporting and Inventories of Hazardous Wastes in Apia, Samoa in July 2006. The Governments of Australia and New Zealand also provided in-kind technical support.</i>
Advice to Competent Authorities in the Use of the Control System	2005-2006	Hazardous wastes and chemicals from 13 Pacific Islands packaged, labeled and disposed in accordance with the Basel and Waigani Conventions.	SPREP AusAID GHD	160,000 in-kind	Field (a)	<i>The Secretariat in collaboration with the Australian Managing Company of the POPs in PICs project (GHD PLC) with financial support from the Government of Australia visited the focal points and competent authorities in the 13 countries participating in the project and provided technical advice to facilitate the fulfilment of legal and administrative requirements for the export and movement of waste from Pacific Island Countries to Australia.</i>



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Noumea, New Caledonia
8 September 2006

Agenda Item 5: Designation of Competent Authorities and Focal Points

Purpose

1. To update the list of Competent Authorities and Focal Points.

Background

2. The designation or establishment of competent authority and focal point by Parties under Article 5 of the Waigani Convention serves as an important system to facilitate the implementation of the Convention.
3. The Second Meeting of the Parties, 2004, agreed that Parties should inform the Secretariat in writing through the National Focal Point for the Convention of designated Competent Authorities and Focal Points or changes to these positions.
4. A list of current Competent Authorities and Focal Points is attached.

Recommendation

5. The Parties are invited:
 - to **review** the list and, if there are changes, to **inform** the Secretariat in accordance with the agreed mode.

COMPETENT AUTHORITIES AND FOCAL POINTS
TO THE WAIGANI CONVENTION
SEPTEMBER 2006

PARTY	COMPETENT AUTHORITY	FOCAL POINT
<u>Australia</u> Signed: 16 Sept 1995 Ratified: 17 August 1998 In Force: 21 Oct 2001	Assistant Secretary Chemicals and the Environment Branch Environment Quality Division Environment Australia GPO Box 787 Canberra, ACT 2601 Australia Tel: (6126) 250 02 70 Fax: (6126) 250 03 87 Email: peter.burnett@ea.gov.au	Assistant Secretary Chemicals and the Environment Branch Environment Quality Division Environment Australia GPO Box 787 Canberra, ACT 2601 Australia Tel: (6126) 250 02 70 Fax: (6126) 250 03 87 Email: peter.burnett@ea.gov.au
<u>Cook Islands</u> Signed: 17 Sept 1995 Ratified: 30 October 2000 In Force: 21 Oct 2001	Mr Vaitoti Tupa Director National Environment Service PO Box 371 Rarotonga Cook Islands Tel: (682) 21256 Fax: (682) 22256 Email: vaitoti@oyster.net.ck	Mr Edwin Pittman Secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Immigration PO Box 105 Rarotonga Cook Islands Tel: (682) 29347 Fax: (682) 21247 Email: secfa@foraffairs.gov.ck
<u>Federated States of Micronesia</u> Signed: 17 Sept 1995 Ratified: 26 January 1996 In Force: 21 Oct 2001	Hon. Dr. Eliueli K. Pretrick Secretary Department of Health, Education and Social Services PO Box PS 70 Pohnpei Federated States of Micronesia 96941 Telephone: (691) 320 2872 Fax: (691) 320 5263 Email: fsmhealth@mail.fm	Hon Ieske K Iehsi Secretary Department of Foreign Affairs PO Box PS 123 Palikir, Pohnpei Federated States of Micronesia 96941 Telephone: (691)320 2613/2544/2641 Fax: (691) 320 2933 Email: foreignaffairs@mail.fm
<u>Fiji</u> Signed: 16 Sept 1995 Ratified: 18 April 1996 In Force: 21 Oct 2001	Mr Epeli Nasome Director of Environment Ministry of Local Government Housing and Environment PO Box 2131 Government Buildings SUVA, Fiji Telephone: (679) 311 699 Fax: (679) 312 879 Email: enasome@govnet.gov.fj	Mr Bhaskaran Nair Acting Permanent Secretary for Local Government Housing and Environment PO Box 2131 Government Buildings SUVA, Fiji Telephone: (679) 304 307/ 309 918/ 309 917 ext 201 Fax: (679) 303 515 Email: bnair@is.com.fj
<u>Kiribati</u> Signed: 16 Sept 1995 Ratified: 28 June 2001 In Force: 21 Oct 2001	Mr. Tukabu Teroroko Permanent Secretary Ministry of Environment and Social Development PO Box 234 Biikenibeu, Tarawa KIRIBATI Telephone: (686) 28211 Fax: (686) 28334	Mr. Tukabu Teroroko Permanent Secretary Ministry of Environment and Social Development PO Box 234 Biikenibeu, Tarawa KIRIBATI Telephone: (686) 28211 Fax: (686) 28334

PARTY	COMPETENT AUTHORITY	FOCAL POINT
<p><u>New Zealand</u></p> <p>Signed: 16 Sept 1995</p> <p>Ratified: 30 November 2000</p> <p>In Force: 21 Oct 2001</p>	<p>Mr Stuart Calman Manager Energy and the Environment Ministry of Economic Development 33 Bowen Street PO Box 1473 Wellington NEW ZEALAND</p> <p>Telephone: (644) 474 2647 Fax: (644) 473 9930 Email: stuart.calman@med.govt.nz</p>	<p>Mr Glenn Wigley Senior Operator Ministry for the Environment Grand Annexe, 84 Boulcott Street Wellington NEW ZEALAND</p> <p>Telephone: (644) 917 7515 Fax: (644) 917 7528 Email: glenn.wigley@mfe.govt.nz</p>
<p><u>Niue</u></p> <p>Signed: 16 Sept 1995</p> <p>Ratified: 22 July 2003</p> <p>In Force: 21 Aug 2003</p>	<p>Public Health Division Niue Health Department PO Box 33 Alofi Niue</p> <p>Telephone: (683) 4100 Fax: (683) 4265 Email:</p>	<p>Office for External Affairs Premier's Department PO Box 40 Alofi Niue</p> <p>Telephone: (683) 4200 Fax: (683) 4206/4232 Email: christine.external@mail.gov.nu</p>
<p><u>Papua New Guinea</u></p> <p>Signed: 16 Sept 1995</p> <p>Ratified: 11 Dec. 1995</p> <p>In Force: 21 Oct 2001</p>	<p>Dr. Wari Iamo Secretary Department of Environment and Conservation Level 7 Somare Foundation PO Box 6601 Boroko, NCD PAPUA NEW GUINEA</p> <p>Telephone: (675) 325 0180 Fax: (675) 325 0182</p>	<p>Dr. Wari Iamo Secretary Department of Environment and Conservation Level 7 Somare Foundation PO Box 6601 Boroko, NCD PAPUA NEW GUINEA</p> <p>Telephone: (675) 325 0180 Fax: (675) 325 0182</p>
<p><u>Samoa</u></p> <p>Signed: 16 Sept 1995</p> <p>Ratified: 23 May 2001</p> <p>In Force: 21 Oct. 2001</p>	<p>Mr Tuu'u Ieti Taulealo Director Department of Lands, Surveys and Environment Private Mail Bag APIA, Samoa</p> <p>Telephone: (685) 25019/22481 Telex: (779) 221 MALO SX Fax: (685) 23176 Email: tuuu.ieti@samoa.ws</p>	<p>The Secretary for Foreign Affairs Ministry of Foreign Affairs PO Box L1859 APIA, Samoa</p> <p>Telephone: (685) 63333 Fax: (685) 21504 Email: mfa@mfa.gov.ws</p>
<p><u>Solomon Islands</u></p> <p>Signed: 16 Sept 1995</p> <p>Ratified: 7 October 1998</p> <p>In Force: 21 Oct 2001</p>	<p>Mr. Joe Horokou Director Environment and Conservation Division Ministry of Forests, Environment & Conservation P O Box G24 HONIARA, Solomon Islands</p>	
<p><u>Tonga</u></p> <p>Signed: 16 Sept 1995</p> <p>Ratified: 22 May 2003</p> <p>In Force: 21 June 2003</p>	<p>Department of Environment PO Box 917 Nukua'alofa Tonga</p> <p>Telephone: (676) 25050 Fax: (676) 25051</p>	<p>Director of Environment</p>

PARTY	COMPETENT AUTHORITY	FOCAL POINT
<u>Tuvalu</u> Acceded : 21 Sept 2001 In Force : 21 Oct 2001	Ms. Susan Tupulaga Acting Waste Coordinator Office of Prime Minister Department of Environment PO Box 148 Vaiaku, Funafuti Tuvalu Telephone: (688) 20164 Fax: (688) 20826 Email: waste@tuvalu.tv	Permanent Secretary Ministry of Environment, Energy and Tourism Private Mail Bag Vaiaku, Funafuti Tuvalu Telephone: (688) 20171 Fax: (688) 20826 Email: enviro@tuvalu.tv or pklaupepe@yahoo.com

NON-PARTY	COMPETENT AUTHORITY	FOCAL POINT
<u>Marshall Islands</u> Signed: Ratified:	Mr. John Bungitak General Manager Environmental Protection Authority P O Box 1322 MAJURO, Marshall Islands 96960	
<u>Nauru</u> Signed: 16 Sept 1995 Ratified:	Mr. Tyrone Deiye Secretary Department of Economic Development Government Offices Yaren District Nauru	



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Noumea, New Caledonia
8 September 2006

Agenda Item 6: Reporting and Transmission of Information

Purpose

1. To report on national Reports received from Parties.

Background

2. Article 7 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 article 14.
3. The Second Meeting of the Parties, 2004, adopted Draft *Reporting and Transmission of Information* forms to be filled out annually by Parties and submitted to the Secretariat. The Parties were requested to meet their reporting obligations under the Waigani Convention beginning from the 2004 calendar year using the forms adopted.
4. At the time of writing, no Reports had been received by the Secretariat.

Recommendation

5. The Parties are invited:
 - to **table** any Reports they may have completed for the 2004 calendar year.



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Noumea, New Caledonia
8 September 2006

Agenda Item 7: Waigani Convention Work Programme & Budget 2007-2008

Purpose

1. To present for consideration by the Parties the Work Programme & Budget, 2007-2008.

Background

2. The First meeting of the Parties in 2002, agreed that the regular budget of the Conference should be addressed as two different components:
 - A core budget for the core Secretariat functions covering the Conference of the Parties and the meeting of the STAC and other operational activities to be met by voluntary contributions by the Parties (Decision X/4 Waigani COP1);
 - An indicative Work Programme for which funding of activities should be sought from donors and other possible contributors as well as dealt with as part of the SPREP Work Programme.
3. The latter component is dealt with in this Paper. The Work Programme & Budget 2007-2008 is attached.
4. The lack of secured funding has been the primary limitation to the implementation of the Work Programme. Despite this, significant progress has been made with the resources that were secured and because of work carried out as part of the SPREP Work Programme (see Working Paper 4).

Recommendation

5. The Parties are invited:
 - to **approve** the Work Programme 2007-2008 noting that funding of activities will rely on voluntary contributions by Parties and successful fundraising by the Secretariat.
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Work Programme & Budget 2007 - 2008

Goal: The effective implementation of the Waigani Convention

Output	Outcome	Activities	Performance Measure	Timeframe	Estimated Budget (USD)
1. Development of adequate national legislation on the management of hazardous wastes	Convention implemented through national legislation	Review of national legislation; consultation with relevant stakeholders; awareness raising and drafting of national legislation	Five Parties provided with adequate national legislation on the control system for the transboundary movement and management of hazardous wastes	2007/2008	85,000
2. Information effectively managed, disseminated and exchanged	Surveys of information needs; development of information systems; training (workshop/attachments)	1. Strengthening of national and regional clearinghouse mechanisms in synergy with existing national and regional clearinghouse(s) such as PEIN, SIDSnet, and SPREP; 2. Training with respect to the clearinghouse mechanisms	1. Clearinghouse mechanism initiated at national and regional level; 2. Key enforcement staff trained in analytical use of clearinghouse mechanism.	2007 – 2008	50,000
3. Training of competent authorities and focal point	Competent authorities and focal points able to implement responsibilities under the convention	Workshop on the reporting requirements of the Waigani and Basel Conventions, with reference to developing national inventories of hazardous wastes.	1. Inventories initiated in-country. 2. Parties report as required under the Conventions	2007/2008	65,000
4. Relevant stakeholders effectively implementing the Convention	Familiarisation of enforcement staff with the obligations under the Convention	National workshops in five countries to train customs, police, port, environment, and legal officers	Workshops are held; Officers of national agencies trained	2007 – 2008	50,000
5. Promotion of ratification and implementation to the Waigani/Basel Conventions	Broader representation and participation of Pacific Island Countries in the Conventions	Development of fact sheets, briefings papers, booklets, press kit.	3 more ratifications to the Waigani Convention; Increased awareness of politicians and community to issues concerning hazardous waste management (eg e-waste)	2007/2008	5,000
6. Collaboration with the Basel Convention and relevant institutions	Development of complementary approach to hazardous waste management in the Pacific region	Promotion of the Waigani Convention and the Pacific Regional Centre to facilitate implementation of related chemicals Conventions	Waigani and Pacific Regional Centre effectively used to facilitate the implementation of related Chemical Conventions	2007/2008	2,000
7. Effective operation of the Pacific Regional Centre	Regional Centre facilitating implementation of the Waigani and Basel Conventions	1. Develop joint business plan for Regional Centre with Basel Secretariat 2. Maintenance of Regional Centre fund raising	Business plan implemented	2007/2008	80,000
					\$337,000



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Noumea, New Caledonia
8 September 2006

Agenda Item 8.1: Selection of Steering Committee for the Pacific Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the Joint Implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions (PRC)

Purpose

1. To select a Steering Committee for the Pacific Regional Centre.

Background

2. The First Meeting of the Parties in 2002, accepted the principle of a joint Centre of the Basel and Waigani Conventions integrated within SPREP. The main purpose of the Pacific Regional Centre would be to strengthen the capacity of Pacific island Parties to the Basel and Waigani Conventions (see attachment 1) in complying with the technical requirements of environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes including the minimisation of their generation as well as the legal and institutional aspects of implementing both Conventions.
3. SPREP, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Basel Convention, conducted a feasibility study, and the conclusions were mutually acceptable. Subsequently a Memorandum of Understanding between SPREP and the Basel Secretariat for the establishment of the Pacific Regional Centre was signed in 2003 (see attachment 2).
4. Article VII of the MOU requires the establishment of a Steering Committee to advise on the development and implementation of the activities of the Centre and to enhance national support to its work from countries served by the Centre.
5. The Steering Committee is to be composed of 5 members nominated by the countries to be served by the Centre for a period of 4 years. The members are to be experts of recognised standing with experience in the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes and other wastes.
6. The Secretariat has prepared a draft list of factors to aid Parties in selecting the Steering Committee (see attachment 3)

Recommendation

7. The Parties are invited to:
 - **consider** the draft list of factors to assist in selecting the Steering Committee; and
 - select the members of the Steering Committee.

Parties to the Waigani and related Chemical Conventions
as at July 2006

	Waigani	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm
Australia	√	√	√	√
Cook Is	√	√	√	√
FSM	√	√		√
Fiji	√			√
France		√	√	√
Kiribati	√	√		√
Marshall Is		√	√	√
Nauru		√		√
New Zealand	√	√	√	√
Niue	√			√
Palau				
PNG	√	√		√
Samoa	√	√	√	√
Solomon Is	√			√
Tonga	√			
Tuvalu	√			√
USA				
Vanuatu				√
18	12	10	6	15

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

**THE SECRETARIAT OF THE BASEL CONVENTION ON THE CONTROL OF
TRANSBOUNDARY MOVEMENTS OF HAZARDOUS WASTES AND THEIR
DISPOSAL**

and

THE SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME

on

**THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL CENTRE FOR
TRAINING AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER FOR THE
JOINT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BASEL AND THE WAIGANI
CONVENTIONS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC REGION INTEGRATED WITHIN
THE SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME**

The Secretariat of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, acting on behalf of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, and the South Pacific Regional Environmental Programme acting both as a Secretariat of the Waigani Convention and in its own right.

Bearing in mind Article 14 of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal of 22 March 1989, which calls for the establishment of the regional centres for training and technology transfer regarding the management of hazardous wastes and other wastes and the minimization of their generation;

Recognizing that cooperation among the States at the regional level in the field of training and technology transfer facilitates the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes and other wastes and the minimization of their generation;

Recognizing also that the Waigani Convention complements and strengthens the objectives of the Basel Convention at the regional level;

Noting that the Environment Ministers in the Pacific region endorsed the principle of a joint centre for training and technology transfer for the Basel and Waigani Conventions, integrated within the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme;

Recalling Decision VI/8 of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention which welcomed the establishment in principle of a Pacific Joint Regional Centre for the countries in the South Pacific region within SPREP and operating under the joint authority of the Parties to the Basel and Waigani Conventions;

Recalling also Decision VI/3 of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention by which the latter adopted a core set of elements for a framework agreement, endorsed the mechanism of establishing the Basel Convention Regional Centres by signing the framework agreement, and mandated the Secretariat of the Basel Convention to negotiate and conclude the agreement in the name of the Conference of the Parties with the regional or international organizations which will perform the functions of the Basel Convention Regional Centres;

Recalling further Decisions VI/1, VI/2 and VI/3 of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention in which the latter endorsed the role of the Basel Convention Regional Centres in implementing the Basel Declaration and the priority actions of the Strategic Plan of the Basel Convention, using contributions from the Basel Convention Trust Funds in accordance with the criteria and procedure established under Decision VI/2;

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

Definitions

For the purpose of the present Agreement, the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) The “Agreement” means the present Memorandum of Understanding between the Secretariat of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal and the South Pacific Regional Environmental Programme acting as the Secretariat of the Waigani Convention and in its own right for the establishment of the Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the joint implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions in the South Pacific region, integrated within SPREP;
- (b) The “Basel Convention” means the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, adopted on 22 March 1989;
- (c) The “Business Plan” means the document referred to in Decision VI/4 of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention;
- (d) The “Centre” means the Pacific Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the joint implementation of the Basel and the Waigani Conventions in the South Pacific Region integrated within SPREP;
- (e) The “Contracting Parties to the Basel and Waigani Conventions” means those States and political and/or economic integration organizations which ratified, accepted, formally confirmed, approved or acceded to the Basel Convention in accordance with Article 22 and Article 23 of both Conventions;

- (f) The “Director” means the Director of the Pacific Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the joint implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions for the countries in the South Pacific Region;
- (g) The “Focal Point of the Basel and Waigani Conventions” means the government institution designated by each Contracting Party to the Basel and Waigani Conventions under the provisions of Article 5 of both Conventions;
- (h) The “Project Document” means a formal document covering a project, as defined below, which sets out, *inter alia*, the need, results, outputs, activities, workplan, budget, pertinent background, supporting data and any special arrangements applicable to the execution of the project in question signed by United Nations Environment Programme or the Secretariat of the Basel Convention and the Pacific Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the joint implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions;
- (i) The “South Pacific region” means the area comprising (i) the 200 nautical mile zones established in accordance with international law off: American Samoa, Australia (East Coast and Islands to eastward including Macquarie Island); Cook Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia and Dependencies, New Zealand, Nuie, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Wallis and Futuna, (ii) those areas of high seas which are enclosed from all sides by the 200 nautical mile zones referred to in sub-paragraph (i); areas of the Pacific Ocean between the Tropic of Cancer and 60 degrees south latitude and between 130 degrees East longitude and 120 degrees West longitude to the area covered by the Waigani Convention;
- (j) “SBC” means the secretariat of the Basel Convention;
- (k) The “Steering Committee” means the Committee provided for in Article VII of the present Agreement;
- (l) “SPREP” means the South Pacific Regional Environmental Programme;
- (m) The “Trust Funds” means the Trust Fund established under the Basel Convention with the scope of providing financial support for the ordinary expenditure of the secretariat of the Basel Convention, the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund of the Basel Convention established for the purpose of assisting developing countries and other countries in need of technical assistance in the implementation of the Basel Convention and the Trust Fund established under the Waigani Convention;
- (n) “UNEP” means the United Nations Environment Programme;
- (o) The “Waigani Convention” means the Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Islands Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region adopted on 16 September 1995.

Article II

Purpose of the Agreement

The purpose of the present Agreement is to set forth the terms and conditions under which SPREP shall perform the functions of the Pacific Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the joint implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions for the countries in the South Pacific region.

Article III

Establishment of the Pacific Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the joint implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions in the South Pacific region

1. The Pacific Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the joint implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions for the countries in the South Pacific region is hereby established within SPREP, which Secretariat is located at Apia, Samoa, P.O. Box 240.
2. The Centre shall operate under the joint authority of the Parties to the Basel and Waigani Conventions.

Article IV

Regional Role of the Centre

1. The Centre shall provide services for the implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions to the Parties to the Basel or Waigani Conventions consenting to be served by the Centre whose names appear in Annex I to the present Agreement.
2. Any other States party to the Basel or Waigani Conventions from the South Pacific region may at any time express their consent to be served by the Centre through a written communication to the Centre, SBC and SPREP.
3. Subject to the agreement of the Steering Committee referred to in Article VII of the present Agreement, any State party to the Basel and Waigani Conventions outside the South Pacific region, non-governmental organisation, entity, private sector organisation, academic institution, or other organisation may participate in the activities of the Centre.

Article V

Functions of the Centre

1. The core functions of the Centre are described in Annex II to the present Agreement. These functions may be subject to review by the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel and Waigani Conventions.
2. The Centre shall implement activities in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel and Waigani Conventions and the Business Plan referred to in Article VII, paragraph 2.

Article VI
**The role of SBC and SPREP in Guiding, Coordinating, Monitoring and
Evaluating the Work of the Centre**

1. The activities of the Centre shall be carried out under the general guidance and supervision of SBC and SPREP.
2. SBC and SPREP shall coordinate the activities of the Centre with the relevant activities of other Basel Convention Regional Centres or of the Parties to the Basel and Waigani Conventions, as well as with international organisations, programmes and other global and regional conventions.
3. The Centre shall keep the Focal Points of the Basel and Waigani Conventions of the countries to be served by the Centre, SBC, SPREP, any non-governmental organisation, entity, private sector organisation, academic institution or other organisation which participates in the activities of the Centre, regularly informed of its activities.
4. The Centre shall submit annually a report to SBC and SPREP on the implementation of its Business Plan, financial income and expenditure.

Article VII
Steering Committee

1. A Steering Committee shall be established to advise on the development and implementation of the activities of the Centre and to enhance national support to its work from countries served by the Centre.
2. The Steering Committee shall develop the Business Plan of the Centre and oversee its implementation.
3. The Steering Committee shall be composed of five (5) members nominated by the countries to be served by the Centre through a process of consultation, for a period of four (4) years.
4. The members of the Steering Committee shall be experts of recognized standing and with experience in the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes and other wastes.
5. The representative of SBC, SPREP and the Director of the Centre shall participate in the meetings of the Committee *ex officio*.
6. Donors and other stakeholders, including any non-governmental organisations, entities, private sector organisations, academic institutions, or other organisations may be invited to the meetings of the Committee as observers.
7. The first meeting of the Committee shall be convened by the Director in consultation with SBC within ninety (90) days from the entering into force of the present Agreement.
8. The members of the Committee shall elect by consensus the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson of the Committee from among its members for a period of four (4) years.

9. The Chairperson, in consultation with SBC, SPREP and the Director of the Centre, shall convene the ordinary meetings of the Committee at least every two years. Extraordinary meetings may be convened by the Chairperson, when required, in consultation with SBC and SPREP.

Article VIII **Participants in Meetings and Activities organised by the Centre**

1. Meetings and activities organised by the Centre shall be open to participants designated by the Focal Points of the Basel and Waigani Conventions of the countries served by the Centre.
2. Any other Parties to the Basel and Waigani Conventions may be invited to the meetings subject to the agreement of the Steering Committee.

Article IX **Working Language of the Centre**

The working language of the Centre shall be English.

Article X **Financial Resources and Contributions to the Agreed Activities**

1. The financial resources of the agreed activities of the Centre shall be composed of:
 - (a) Contributions from the Trust Funds of the Basel Convention in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention and subject to the availability of resources in the Trust Funds;
 - (b) Contributions from the Trust Fund of the Waigani Convention;
 - (c) The voluntary contributions of the countries served by the Centre;
 - (d) Funds directly received from other Parties, non-Parties, industry, research institutes, foundations, the United Nations and other relevant international and national organizations and bodies, subject to the conditions stipulated in the present Agreement.
 - (e) Funds received for services provided by the Centre;
 - (f) Any other funds received by the Centre.
2. The Centre may also receive in-kind contributions.
3. The Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention and the Conference of the Parties to the Waigani Convention shall at each meeting review the financial status of the Centre as presented by the Director through SBC and SPREP respectively, as appropriate, and make such recommendations to the Centre, as it may deem appropriate.

4. The acceptance by the Centre of voluntary contributions or donations shall in every case be subject to the agreement of both SBC and SPREP upon the recommendation of the Director of the Centre in order to avoid conflict of interest between the goals and objectives of the Basel and Waigani Conventions and donors.
5. SBC and SPREP, individually or jointly, shall seek additional financial resources or staff support for the Centre from sources other than the Trust Funds of the Basel and Waigani Conventions or the regular budgets of SBC and SPREP.
6. An external auditing of the activity of the Centre shall be carried out bi-annually.

Article XI

Contributions of SBC and SPREP to the Activities and Functioning of the Centre

Contributions of SBC and SPREP to the activities and functioning of the Centre are specified in Annex III of the present Agreement.

Article XII

Staff

1. The Centre shall have a Director and such personnel as may be necessary for its operation.
2. The Director of the Centre shall be appointed by agreement between the Executive Secretary of SBC and the Director of SPREP.
3. The Director shall represent the Centre and, subject to the provisions of the present Agreement, shall have overall responsibility for the operation and administration of the Centre.

Article XII

Settlement of Disputes

1. SBC and SPREP shall endeavour to solve any dispute arising out of or resulting from the interpretation or implementation of the present Agreement by negotiation or other agreed mode of settlement.
2. Any dispute between SBC and SPREP relating to the interpretation and application of the present Agreement which is not settled by negotiation or other agreed mode of settlement shall be submitted to arbitration at the request of either party. Each party shall appoint one arbitrator, and the two arbitrators so appointed shall appoint a third, who shall be the chairman. If within thirty (30) days of the request for arbitration either party has not appointed an arbitrator, or if within fifteen (15) days of the appointment of two arbitrators the third arbitrator has not been appointed, either party may request the President of the International Court of Justice to appoint an arbitrator. The procedure for the arbitration shall be fixed by the arbitrators, and the expenses of the arbitration shall be borne by the parties as assessed by the arbitrators. The arbitral award shall contain a statement of the reasons on which it is based and shall be accepted by the parties as the final adjudication of the dispute.

3. Any commercial dispute arising out of, or in accordance with this Agreement or breach thereof, shall, unless it is settled by direct negotiation be settled in accordance with UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules as at present in force. The parties shall be bound by any arbitration award rendered as a result of such arbitration as the final adjudication of any such controversy or claim.

Article XIV

Entry into Force, Duration, Amendment and Termination of the Agreement

1. The present Agreement shall enter into force upon signature and shall be valid for an initial period of five (5) years.
2. The present Agreement shall be automatically extended for another period of five (5) years unless one or both parties to the present Agreement wish to terminate it and provides the other party with written notice.
3. The present Agreement may be terminated by either party to the present Agreement providing six (6) months written notice to the other party.
4. In the event of termination, the Agreement shall continue to remain in force for a period of one year in order to allow for an orderly cessation of its activities.
5. No change in or modification of the present Agreement including its annexes which form an integral part of the Agreement shall be made except by prior written agreement between SBC and SPREP.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, duly authorized thereto, signed the present Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this eighteenth day of December 2003

For SBC

(signed) Sachiko Kuwabara-Yamamoto

Date: 18 December 2003

For SPREP

(signed) Asterio Takesy

Date: 18 December 2003

Annex I

List of the countries in the South Pacific region served by the Centre

Australia
Cook Islands
Federated States of Micronesia
Nauru
New Zealand
Niue
Papua New Guinea
Republic of Fiji
Republic of Kiribati
Republic of Marshall Islands
Samoa
Solomon Islands
Tonga
Tuvalu

Annex II

The core functions of the Centre

The core functions of the Centre are:

1. Training
2. Technology Transfer
3. Information
4. Consulting
5. Awareness raising

The explanations of the functions of the Centre are as follows:

(a) Developing and conducting training programmes, workshops, seminars and associated projects in the field of the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes, transfer of environmentally sound technology and minimization of the generation of hazardous wastes with specific emphasis on training the trainers and the promotion of ratification and implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions and their instruments;

(b) Identifying, developing and strengthening mechanisms for the transfer of technology in the field of the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes or their minimization in the Pacific region;

(c) Gathering, assessing and disseminating information in the field of hazardous wastes and other wastes to Parties of the Basel and Waigani Conventions of the Pacific region and to the secretariat and SPREP;

(d) Collecting information on new or proven environmentally sound technologies and know-how relating to environmentally sound management and minimization of the generation of hazardous wastes and other wastes and disseminating these to Parties of the Basel and Waigani Conventions of the Pacific region at their request;

(e) Establishing and maintaining regular exchange of information relevant to the provisions of the Basel and Waigani Conventions, and networking at the national and regional levels;

(f) Organizing meetings, symposiums and missions in the field, useful for carrying out these objectives in the region;

(g) Providing assistance and advice to the Parties and non-Parties of the Basel and Waigani Conventions of the Pacific region at their request, on matters relevant to the environmentally sound management or minimization of hazardous wastes, the implementation of the provisions of the Basel and Waigani Conventions and other related matters;

(h) Promoting public awareness;

(i) Encouraging the best approaches, practices and methodologies for the environmentally sound management and minimization of the generation of hazardous wastes and other wastes, e.g. through case studies and pilot projects;

(j) Cooperating with the United Nations and its bodies, in particular UNEP and the Specialized Agencies, and with other relevant intergovernmental organizations, industry and non-governmental organizations, and, where appropriate, with any other institution, in order to coordinate activities and develop and implement joint projects related to the provisions of the Basel and Waigani Conventions and develop synergies where appropriate with other multilateral environmental agreements;

(k) Developing, within the general financial strategy approved by the Parties of Basel and Waigani Conventions the Centre's own strategy for financial sustainability;

(l) Cooperating in mobilization of human, financial and material means in order to meet the urgent needs at the request of the Party(ies) of the Basel and Waigani Conventions of the Pacific region faced with incidents or accidents which cannot be solved with the means of the individual Party(ies) concerned;

(m) Performing any other functions assigned to it by relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties of the Basel and Waigani Conventions or by Parties of Basel and Waigani Conventions of the region, consistent with such decisions.

Annex III

Contributions of SPREP and SBC to the activities of the Centre

1. The following shall be the contributions of SPREP to the operation and activities of the Centre:

- (a) Personnel:
- Director of the Centre
 - Secretary

(b) Premises and services:

TRAINING FACILITIES	CAPACITY (Persons)	EQUIPMENT & FIXTURES
1 X TRAINING / CONFERENCE ROOM Can be collapsed into 2 rooms of 30 and 20 participants.	50	LCD Projector 2 x Large pull-down wall screens. Video presentation stand Overhead projector Video Cassette player Sound system (CD/Cassette player, amplifier, speakers, mics.) 2 x White boards.
2 X GROUP DISCUSSION ROOMS	8	2 x White boards 1 x VCR & Monitor
1 x COMPUTER LABORATORY	15	Networked DELL work stations Instructors computer (DELL) Laser Jet Printer 5000 Colour printer (Epson) LCD projector Large pull-down wall screen. Whiteboard
WORKSHOP/SECRETARIAT ROOM	2	3 x Storage cabinet Photocopier (MINOLTA)
RECORDING BOOTH	3	TV Monitor & speaker Microphone & Cough box.
MULTI-MEDIA FACILITIES		2 x personal computer (DELL) 3 x VCR (SONY) 3 x Monitor TV (SONY) Muti type VTR CD Player DAT Recorder A (SONY) DAT Recorder B (SONY) Cassette tape recorder Audio mixer 4 x Monitor speakers Video camera Colour printer (EPSON) Digital Camera (SONY) 35mm Camera (NIKON)
MAPPING WORKSHOP	3	Personal computer (DELL) Digitizer (CalComp) HP Colour printer (Designjet 5000) Map cabinet Storage rack.
FURNISHED OFFICE SPACE	1	4 sq metres
STORE ROOM		20 sq metres

- (c) Financial contribution towards the activities of the Centre, subject to availability of funds
2. The following shall be the contribution of SBC to the activities of the Centre:
- (a) Financial contributions, which shall be agreed between SBC and SPREP on an annual basis or for each activity; and
 - (b) Participation with resource persons to the activities of the Centre.

Annex IV

Business Plan for the Pacific Regional Centre

Work Programme & Activities	Timeframe	Outcome	Partners	Budget (US\$)	Relation to the Strategic Plan
General backstopping	2003-2004	Core staff, office space, office equipment, telecommunication, audiovisual equipment, maintenance of office space and equipment.	SPREP	80,000 In-kind	Field (f)
Fund raising	2003-2004	Number of activities funded.	SPREP	3,000 In kind	Field (f)
Development of adequate legislation on the management of hazardous wastes in five (5) Countries	2003-2004	Review of national legislation; consultation with relevant stakeholders; awareness raising and drafting of national legislation for five (5) countries.	SBC- SPREP	50,000	Field (e)
Information knowledge management	2003-2004	Surveys of information needs; Development of information systems; Training (workshop/ attachments).	SOPAC SPREP SBC UNEP Chemicals	70,000	Field (g)
Training for enforcement staff (customs, police, port, legal officers, etc.)	2003-2004	Workshops to familiarize enforcement staff with the obligations under the Conventions and to further facilitate their implementation; Production of guidance manual.	SBC- SPREP	50,000	Field (i)
Promotion of ratification and implementation of the Basel/Waigani Conventions	2003-2004	Increasing number of Pacific Islands countries to the Basel and Waigani Conventions; Production of fact sheets, briefing papers, booklets, press kit, etc.	SPREP	2,000 In Kind	Field (g)
Development of partnerships	2003-2004	Formal working relationship with secretariats of relevant conventions, NGOs and the business sector developed.	SPREP SBC Stockholm NGOs	In kind	Field (f) Field (h)
Identification and adaptation of tools to facilitate implementation of the Basel/Waigani Conventions	2003-2004	A number of tools revised including technical guidelines to respond to specific needs of the Pacific.	SPREP SBC	10,000	Field (f)
Training on reporting requirements (Basel Art. 13&16, Waigani Art. 14.2)	2003-2004	Appropriate training provided to Focal Points to better monitor the implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions at the national level.	SPREP SBC	30,000	Field (i)
Advice to Competent Authorities in the Use of the Control System	2004	Hazardous wastes and chemicals from 13 Pacific Islands packaged, labelled and disposed in accordance with the Basel and Waigani Conventions.	SPREP	AusAid in Kind	Field (a)

DRAFT LIST OF FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED IN SELECTING THE STEERING COMMITTEE

REQUIRED FACTORS (see MOU)

3. The Steering Committee shall be composed of five (5) members nominated by the countries to be served by the Centre through a process of consultation, for a period of four (4) years.

List of the countries in the South Pacific region served by the Centre:

Australia
Cook Islands
Federated States of Micronesia
Nauru
New Zealand
Niue
Papua New Guinea
Republic of Fiji
Republic of Kiribati
Republic of Marshall Islands
Samoa
Solomon Islands
Tonga
Tuvalu

4. The members of the Steering Committee shall be experts of recognized standing and with experience in the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes and other wastes.

SUGGESTED FACTORS

1. **Sub-regional balance:** a formula might be
 - 1 from either Australia or New Zealand; 1 each from Melanesia (Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands) Micronesia (FSM, Nauru, Kiribati, Marshall Islands) Polynesia (Cook Islands, Niue, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu); 1 based purely on merit from any country; or
 - 1 from Australia, 1 from New Zealand and 1 from each of the 3 sub-regions;
 - in either case, where a country or sub-region does not have a suitably qualified person, that a selection be made purely on merit, having regard to the other factors suggested in this list.
2. **Government – civil society balance:** that consideration be given to selection of at least one member either employed or heavily engaged in a civil society organisation or an NGO consistent with the technical requirements of the MOU as in 4 above.
3. **Gender balance**
4. **Alternates:** that an alternate be nominated and approved along with the primary nominee and that the total list of 10 be considered in its entirety with regard to the other factors suggested in this list.
5. **Consultation:** that the consultative process includes competent authorities and focal points.
6. **Named individuals:** that nominations are named individuals rather than governments or organisations and job titles/designations.



SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

Third 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)(Third Meeting of the Waigani Convention)

Noumea, New Caledonia

8 September 2006

Agenda Item 8.2: Business Plan for the Pacific Joint Regional Centre for the Waigani and Basel Conventions**Purpose of Paper**

1. To seek the endorsement of the Meeting for the Business Plan for the Pacific Joint Regional Centre.

Introduction

2. After accepting in principle the establishment of a Regional Centre of Training and Technology Transfer for the Waigani and Basel Conventions in the Region, the *First meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Waigani Convention*, in its decision VII-3 requested the Secretariat to conduct jointly with the Secretariat of the Basel Convention a survey of SPREP facilities in order to assess the full implications of this venture as well as SPREP's capacity to perform such a role.
3. This request was endorsed by the *Environment Ministers' Forum*, held on 26 July 2002, in Majuro, Marshall Islands, which further agreed to put forward a proposal for the joint Regional Training Centre for endorsement by the Sixth Meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Basel Convention held on 9-13 December 2002 in Geneva, Switzerland.
4. In its decision VI/8 the Sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention considered this proposal and welcomed the establishment in principle of a Pacific Joint Regional Centre for the countries in the Pacific region within SPREP and operating under the joint authority of the Parties to the Basel and Waigani Conventions. The same meeting in its decision VI/3 also adopted a core set of elements for a framework agreement, endorsed the mechanism of establishing the Basel Convention Regional Centres by signing the framework agreement, and mandated the Secretariat of the Basel Convention to negotiate and conclude the agreement in the name of the Conference of the Parties with the regional or international organizations which will perform the functions of the Basel Convention Regional Centres;
5. The Agreement establishing the Pacific Regional Centre was signed by the Director of SPREP, Mr. Asterio Takesy and the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the Basel Convention, Dr. Sashiko Kubawara-Yamamoto on the 18 December 2003 in Geneva, Switzerland.

6. The establishment of the Regional Centre is based on Article 14 paragraph 1 of the Basel Convention and Article 13 paragraph (f) of the Waigani Convention, which respectively stipulates that:

7. *“The Parties agree that, according to the specific needs of different regions and sub-regions, regional or sub-regional centres for training and technology transfers regarding the management of hazardous wastes and other wastes and the minimization of their generation should be established. The Parties shall decide on the establishment of appropriate funding mechanisms of a voluntary nature.”*

8. *“Establish and/or designate such subsidiary bodies or agencies as are deemed necessary for the implementation of this Convention;”*

9. The Pacific Regional Centre was established with the aim to strengthen the capacity of the Pacific Island Countries Parties to the Waigani and Basel Conventions in complying with the technical requirements of the environmentally sound management of hazardous waste including the minimisation of their generation as well as with the legal and institutional aspects of the implementation of both Conventions.

10. Bearing in mind that the Waigani Convention was developed within the framework of Article 11 of the Basel Convention, the Secretariat of the Waigani Convention (SWC) foresaw this initiative as a great opportunity to foster cooperation with the Secretariat of the Basel Convention (SBC) and possibly other secretariats of relevant multilateral environmental agreements, including Stockholm Rotterdam and IMO Conventions. The development of a joint centre would help promote both the Basel and Waigani Conventions in the Pacific Region and encourage non-Parties to consider further their ratification or accession to the Conventions.

11. Such a venture would also fall under the framework of Article 14 paragraph 1 (e) of the Waigani Convention, which mandates the SWC to ensure coordination with the SBC, in particular to enter into such administrative arrangements as may be required for the effective discharge of its functions.

12. The establishment of the Pacific Regional Centre would facilitate the access to expertise and funds towards better efficiency and avoidance of duplication of efforts when implementing both the Waigani and Basel Conventions.

13. Two formula of institutional arrangements were considered when establishing a Regional Centre:

- The Centre established as a national body with regional role; and
- The Centre established as an intergovernmental body with regional role.

14. Although the second option seems to be the closest to what the Pacific Regional Centre should be like, a third formula was proposed: *a joint Centre under the Basel and Waigani Conventions integrated within SPREP.*

A. Establishment of a joint Centre as an inter-governmental entity under the Basel and Waigani Conventions integrated within SPREP

15. The Pacific Regional Centre is considered as an intergovernmental body established by a legally binding agreement signed between the Basel Convention Secretariat (on behalf of the Parties to the Basel Convention) and SPREP (on behalf of the Parties to the Waigani Convention).

Details for the Pacific Regional Centre

Name of BCRC: The Pacific Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the joint implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions
Location: The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), Apia, Samoa
Centre Director: Mr. Asterio Takesy
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E-mail: asteriot@sprep.org or sprep@sprep.org
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Fax: (685) 20231

B Executive Summary

16. The hazardous waste problem in the Pacific Islands region is considered to be small in global terms but this is no reason to take a lax approach when dealing with them. Many of the island countries in the region do not have appropriate legislations or the necessary technological infrastructure and know-how to deal specifically with the control, use, collection, storage and sound environmental disposal of these chemicals. To compound this problem, the region collectively has a very limited pool of experts who are adequately trained or experienced in handling and dealing with hazardous materials.

17. The Waigani convention is the Pacific regional adaptation of the international Basel Convention. Both grew out of the need to stop the dumping by developed countries of hazardous waste in developing countries, which were ill prepared to deal with their adverse impacts. These conventions aim to manage hazardous waste in an environmentally sound manner in country and properly control their trans-boundary movement. A secondary aim is the prevention of illegal trafficking in waste.

18. The Pacific Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the joint implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions integrated within SPREP was established with the vision that developing country Parties to the Basel and Waigani Conventions in the Pacific region be able to manage and deal with any hazardous waste covered by the two Conventions in an environmentally sound manner. This would be achieved by the provision of services for the implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions to the Parties consenting to be served by the Centre whose names appear in Section 4 and Annex I. These would include the provision of services through capacity building activities and initiatives, and the transfer of appropriate technologies for the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes, to achieve the fulfilment of the objectives of the Conventions.

19. Subject to the agreement of the Regional Centre's Steering Committee any State party to the Basel and Waigani Conventions outside the Pacific region, non-governmental organisation, entity, private sector organisation, academic institution, or other organisation may participate in the activities of the Centre.

20. The Centre has five main core functions and these include:

1. Training;
2. Technology transfer;
3. Information;
4. Consulting;
5. Awareness-raising.

21. The current needs and priorities in the region are outlined in detail in Section 5 below and are summarized as follows:

- Better understanding of the Conventions and what the requirements are through awareness and education
- Strengthening and improving individual, institutional and systemic capacities
- Strengthening national legislations for the management of hazardous waste
- Development of national waste definitions, inventories and reporting requirements
- Training of implementation and enforcement personnel including customs, police, port officers, legal officers, journalists etc

C. National Focal Points for the Basel and Waigani Conventions

22. *SPREP Member Countries Parties to the Basel Convention served by the Pacific Regional Centre:*

- | | |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| ➤ Australia | ➤ Micronesia (Federated States of) |
| ➤ Cook Islands | ➤ Nauru |
| ➤ Kiribati | ➤ New Zealand |
| ➤ Marshall Islands | ➤ Papua New Guinea |
| | ➤ Samoa |

23. *SPREP Member Countries Parties to the Basel Convention served by the Pacific Regional Centre:*

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|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| ➤ Australia | ➤ New Zealand |
| ➤ Cook Islands | ➤ Niue |
| ➤ Fiji | ➤ Papua New Guinea |
| ➤ Kiribati | ➤ Samoa |
| ➤ Marshall Islands | ➤ Solomon Islands |
| ➤ Micronesia (Federated States of) | ➤ Tonga |
| ➤ Nauru | ➤ Tuvalu |

24. The full list of the titles and addresses of both sets of Focal Points can be found in Annex I

D Regional Needs Assessment

25. Over recent year, the environment has enjoyed a greater prominence in many parts the developed world in political and social reasoning. This has allowed the concept of sustainable development to flourish and many countries have embraced it with enthusiasm. Sadly in the developing world however, this is not generally the case, where inevitably economic sustainability is perceived as the first priority, usually at the cost of the environment and social structures. The small island nations of the Pacific region are no exception. While most of the countries have made significant steps towards protecting the environment, much remains to be done. There are also a number of legacies of the past that are to be addressed, and one of those legacies is the result of mismanagement of chemicals and hazardous wastes.

26. Nearly all the problems with hazardous wastes arise both because of their inherent hazardous and toxic properties and because of inadequate chemical management and pollution control systems in the countries. For the situations in the Pacific, all the current hazardous waste problems have been caused by historical activities.

Regional Concerns and Needs

27. In recent times, a significant amount of work in the area of waste management has been undertaken in the region. The following regional plans have been put in place to address the various components of the waste stream and are now being implemented. These include:

- The Pacific Wastewater Framework for Action (SOPAC, 2001)
- The Pacific Ocean Pollution Prevention Programme (PACPOL)
- The Pacific Regional Solid Waste Management Strategy (SPREP, 2005)
- Preliminary Elements for the development of an Integrated Waste Management Strategy for the Pacific Island States (SWC-SBC, 2005)

28. There is currently no regional plan for dealing with hazardous waste at both the regional and national levels but there are many activities that are being undertaken to manage hazardous waste. In recent times, there have been a number of regional hazardous waste projects implemented by SPREP in conjunction with UNEP and AusAID. These include the:

- The UNEP-funded Regionally Based Assessment of Persistent Toxic Substances project
- The AusAID-funded Persistent Organic Pollutants in Pacific Islands Countries (POPs in PICs) project

29. Both these projects involved undertaking a survey of the countries in the region of determine the types and volumes of the hazardous wastes as well as assessing the systems in country that were involved in the management of hazardous waste. These also included the identification of the barriers and priorities of issues that were pertinent to the management of these types of wastes.

30. The conclusions that these two projects were divided into two categories:

A Barriers to improved management of chemicals and hazardous wastes:

- Lack of knowledge of chemicals and hazardous wastes issues
- Lack of targeted and user-friendly information on chemicals and hazardous wastes issues
- Lack of adequately trained personnel and the need for much more institutional strengthening
- Lack of in country trainers
- Lack of coverage of new emerging issues in existing educational curricula
- Lack of awareness of current training programmes
- Lack of information for students on career opportunities in chemical management
- Failure by some governments to give higher education priority
- Lack of knowledge on human and environmental toxicity of hazardous wastes
- Poor systems in countries for chemical handling, storage and use, and information management
- Lack of data on fate and transportation of chemicals and hazardous wastes in the region
- Poor regional and national inter-agency collaboration/cooperation in chemicals and hazardous waste management, including information sharing
- Lack of appropriate legislation in some countries
- Poor community responses to existing legislation and education programmes
- Lack of public participation in chemical and hazardous waste management activities
- Lack of knowledge on alternatives to certain toxic chemicals
- Lack of donor support for community based projects aimed at better chemicals and hazardous waste management
- Political instability and interference

- Lack of established control systems, including legislations, for managing chemicals and hazardous wastes
- Lack of information on the types and volumes of materials being brought into the countries, or already there;
- An absence of appropriate disposal facilities and is expensive to move them to another country for disposal purposes
- PICs still learning about the requirements of regional and international MEAs such as Waigani, Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions and the procedures therein

B Priority needs and issues for chemical and hazardous waste management

- Education, Training, Community Awareness and Participation
- Chemical management systems, Technology, Information and Research
- Adequate funding and improved cooperate funding arrangements
- Appropriate legislation development and drafting training
- Compilation of expertise list in the region
- Relevant capacity building activities through need specific training
- Activities to support the reduced used of hazardous and toxic chemicals in the Pacific including the promotion of cleaner production and integrated pest management

31. Due to its infancy, many of the countries are only now beginning to put in place Action Plans to address many of these barriers and issues. The countries have also recognised the benefits of taking a synergistic approach to chemical and hazardous waste management by integrating the relevant MEAs and frameworks such as Waigani, Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions.

E. The Pacific Regional Centre Institutional Strengthening

32. The Pacific Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the joint implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions for the countries in the Pacific region established within the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Programme (SPREP), which is located at Apia, Samoa. The relevant laws and regulations of the host country and subsequent modification applicable to SPREP will automatically apply to the Centre. The governance of the Centre through the Conference of the Parties and the Steering Committee automatically ensures direct control of the Countries Party to both the Basel and Waigani Conventions over the related activities of the Centre.

33. The agreement establishing the Centre was officially signed between the SBC and SPREP on the 18 December 2003 in Geneva. It is operated under the joint authority of the Parties to the Basel and Waigani Conventions in the Pacific region.

34. The Pacific Regional Centre operates under the Directorship of the Director of SPREP and has a number of core staff that dedicate part of their time attending to the Centre's activities which assists SPREP to perform its role as the Secretariat of the Waigani Convention. The staffing of the regional Centre is governed by the SPREP staff regulations.

35. The funding of the basic activities of the Centre are primarily through mechanisms set up by the Waigani financial regulations and financial mechanisms under the Basel Convention.

36. The voluntary funding envisaged under the Basel Convention and the Waigani Convention' Financial Regulations may affect the stability needed for a smooth operation of the Centre according to a longer-term workplan.

37. A mechanism needs to be developed to co-finance the activities of the Centres: Waigani Trust fund, Basel Trust Fund; Basel technical Trust Fund. This will need to be formalized in project documents signed by Secretariat of the Basel Convention (UNEP) and the Secretariat of the Waigani Convention (SPREP). SWC in collaboration SBC and on behalf of the Contracting Parties will mobilize funding from individual countries, organizations, private sector for the financing of the activities of the Center.

38. The Centre provides services for the implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions to the Parties to the Basel or Waigani Conventions consenting to be served. These includes the provision of services through capacity building activities and initiatives, and the transfer of appropriate technologies for the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes, to achieve the fulfilment of the objectives of the Conventions.

39. Any other States party to the Basel or Waigani Conventions from the Pacific region may at any time express their consent to be served by the Centre through a written communication to the Centre, SBC and SPREP.

40. Subject to the agreement of the Regional Centre's Steering Committee any State party to the Basel and Waigani Conventions outside the Pacific region, non-governmental organisation, entity, private sector organisation, academic institution, or other organisation may participate in the activities of the Centre.

41. The core functions of the Centre are described in Annex II and may be subject to review by the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel and Waigani Conventions. The Centre will implement activities in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel and Waigani Conventions and the Business Plan that developed by the Regional Centre Steering Committee.

42. The activities of the Centre are going to be carried out under the general guidance and supervision of SBC and SPREP who will also coordinate the activities of the Centre with the relevant activities of other Basel Convention Regional Centres or of the Parties to the Basel and Waigani Conventions, as well as with international organisations, programmes and other global and regional conventions.

43. The Centre will keep the Focal Points of the Basel and Waigani Conventions of the countries to be served by the Centre, SBC, SPREP, any non-governmental organisation, entity, private sector organisation, academic institution or other organisation which participates in the activities of the Centre, regularly informed of its activities and will submit annually a report to SBC and SPREP on the implementation of its Business Plan, financial income and expenditure.

44. A Steering Committee will be established to advise on the development and implementation of the activities of the Centre and to enhance national support to its work from countries served by the Centre. It is also charged with the responsibility of developing the Business Plan of the Centre and overseeing its implementation.

45. The Steering Committee will be composed of five (5) members nominated by the countries to be served by the Centre through a process of consultation, for a period of four (4) years with the members being experts of recognized standing and with experience in the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes and other wastes.

46. The representative of SBC, SPREP and the Director of the Centre will participate in the meetings of the Committee *ex officio*.

47. The members of the Committee will elect by consensus the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson of the Committee from among its members for a period of four (4) years. The Chairperson, will then in consultation with SBC, SPREP and the Director of the Centre, convene the ordinary meetings of the Committee at least every two years. Extraordinary meetings may be convened by the Chairperson, when required, in consultation with SBC and SPREP.

48. Donors and other stakeholders, including any non-governmental organisations, entities, private sector organisations, academic institutions, or other organisations may be invited to the meetings of the Committee as observers.

F. Importance of the Centre for the implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions objectives

49. The Waigani Convention was developed within the framework of Article 11 of the Basel Convention and thus shares common and overlapping objectives with it. The establishment of the Pacific Regional Centre is not only seen as a mechanism to improve SPREP's work as the Secretariat of the Waigani Convention in assisting the Parties in the region seen but also as a great opportunity to foster better cooperation with the Secretariat of the Basel Convention in the implementation of both Conventions' objectives. The establishment of the Centre is also seen as a great opportunity to extend this cooperation to other secretariats of relevant multilateral environmental agreements, including Stockholm, Rotterdam and IMO Conventions.

50. The management of all types of wastes is widely recognised as a major concern for Pacific Island countries (PICs) with the potential to cause negative impacts on national development activities, including tourism and trade, food supplies, public health and the environment. The generation and disposal of wastes has direct and indirect linkages to economic development. Waste materials represent wasted money, in terms of the original cost of the materials, the costs of disposal, and also the potential value of the material as a reusable resource. Poorly managed wastes can have negative effects on tourism, by detracting from the "Pacific Paradise" image promoted by most PICs, and by association with health warnings about infectious and vector-borne diseases. There is the potential for contamination of food supplies, which can have impacts on local markets or revenue from export crops. And there are numerous health and environmental hazards that arise when wastes are poorly managed and disposed.

51. Conversely, the benefits from good waste management can include reduced raw material costs, enhancement of the tourism experience, reduced health care costs. Effective measures now will also avoid the need for expensive clean-up operations in the future.

52. While there have been regional strategies developed for the management of solid waste, wastewater and marine pollution, there has been very little attempt to put together a hazardous waste strategy for the region. The regional Centre is already involved in the regional projects dealing with hazardous waste so is well positioned to take the lead in pulling together a regional strategy for hazardous waste management.

53. Over the last ten years, SPREP has been involved in conducting solid waste characterization studies and developing integrated solid waste management plans for some countries in the region. This again puts the Centre in good stead to extending these studies to include waste streams of concern in the region and to identify priority waste streams for reduction initiative in partnership with stakeholders in the region. This is consistent with the objectives of the Ministerial Declaration that was made at the seventh meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Basel Convention in Geneva, Switzerland in October 2004.

G. Objectives

54. The objectives of the Pacific Regional Centre are:
1. Assist countries in the have a better understanding of the benefits of the Basel and Waigani Conventions and other relevant MEAs that deal with the management of chemicals and hazardous wastes;
 2. Assist countries in the have a better understanding of their obligations and requirements of the Basel and Waigani Conventions;
 3. Improve the clearing house mechanisms for information pertaining to waste streams of concern in the region including used oil, ULABs, e-waste, asbestos, POPs chemicals and hazardous health care waste;
 4. Facilitate the following activities as part of the implementation of the Business Plan:
 - fund raising activities in the region;
 - partnerships in the region concerning e-waste, ULABs and waste oil;
 - training for implementation and enforcement staff including customs, police, ports officers, education and communication officers, legal officers, extension officers etc;
 - training for officers to establish adequate chemical management systems, technology, information and research
 5. Assist countries develop national waste definitions, inventories and better reporting mechanisms;
 6. Assist countries with activities to support the reduced used of hazardous and toxic chemicals in the Pacific including the promotion of cleaner production and integrated pest management

H. Planned activities

55. The Pacific Regional Centre Business Plan for 2007/2008 will concentrate on the following Strategic Plan Focus Areas:

Activity 1: Development and implementation of region-specific hazardous and other wastes minimization programmes in Pacific Island countries

Sub-activity 1: Assessment of e-wastes in the Pacific

Countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu

Time frame: 18 months – 2007/2008

Budget: US\$80,000

Sub-activity 2: Assessment of ULABs in the Pacific

Countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu

Time frame: 18 months – 2007/2008

Budget: US\$80,000

Sub-activity 3: Pilot project for a partnership on ESM of Used Oils in the North Pacific

Countries: FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru and Palau

Time frame: 18 months – 2007-2008

Budget: US\$70,000

Sub-activity 4: Assessment of asbestos in the Pacific

Countries: Cook Islands, Niue, Samoa, and Tonga

Time frame: 18 months – 2007/2008

Budget: US\$40,000

Sub-activity 5: Pilot project on the management of non-POPs wastes including laboratory chemicals and healthcare waste (expired pharmaceuticals)
 Countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu
 Time frame: 24 months – 2007-2008
 Budget: US\$80,000

Activity 2: The operation of the PRC-SPREP as one of the main regional delivery mechanism for the concrete Implementation of the Strategic Plan

Sub-activity 6: Training on National Waste Definitions and Hazardous Waste Data Collection
 Countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu
 Time frame: 1 week during 2007-2008
 Budget: US\$45,000

Sub-activity 7: Training of focal points, competent authorities and relevant staff on various aspects of the implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions
 Countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu
 Time frame: 18 Months
 Budget: US\$45,000

Sub-activity 8: Replication of the Training of legal officers to develop the concept of a national regulatory framework for the synergistic implementation of the 4 chemical conventions (Waigani, Basel, Stockholm, Rotterdam)
 Countries: 5 PICs to be determined
 Time frame: 18 Months
 Budget: US\$60,000

Activity 3: Development and implementation of programme activities concerning the environmentally sound management of priority waste streams

Sub-activity 9: National hazardous waste management plans development
 Countries: 4 PICs to be determined
 Time frame: 18 Months
 Budget: US\$30,000

Sub-activity 1,2, 4 6, 7 and 8 will also contribute to this section's output.

Activity 4: Implementation of the control of trans-boundary movements of hazardous wastes

Sub-activity 10: Establishment of association with Pacific Customs Organization (PCO) and develop training programme
 Countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu
 Time frame: 24 Months
 Budget: US\$5,000

Sub-activity 11: Strengthening the synergies between Customs Officials and the Basel and Waigani Convention Competent Authorities (and other relevant chemical MEAs)
 Countries: 4 PICs to be determined
 Time frame: 18 Months
 Budget: US\$30,000

Sub-activity 7 and 8 will also contribute to this section.

56. In addition to these priority activities, other relevant support functions such as general backstopping activities, dissemination and management of relevant information, legal and technical advice on hazardous waste management matters will be provided by SPREP staff as part of the general functions of the Secretariat of the Waigani Convention.

57. The matrix in Annex III outlines a more detailed description of what each of the Activities will be aiming to do and who the proposed partners will be in their implementation.

I. Outputs

58. The main outputs envisaged to be accomplished at the end of 2008 are:

Activity 1: Development and implementation of region-specific hazardous and other wastes minimization programmes in Pacific Island countries

- Framework legislation on wastes and hazardous wastes, including waste definitions developed and in place in 4 countries
- Appropriate systems for the control of trans-boundary movements of hazardous wastes, including the control of illegal traffic developed and in place in 4 countries.
- Assessment of hazardous waste problems (e-wastes, asbestos, ULABs, non-POPs chemicals and healthcare waste, and Waste Oils) undertaken and completed in at least 4 Parties.

Activity 2: The operation of the PRC-SPREP as one of the main regional delivery mechanism for the concrete Implementation of the Strategic Plan

- Training packages and manuals prepared for various aspects, as specified in the work plan in Annex III of the implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions
- National plans for hazardous waste management developed for 4 countries
- 4 National train-the-trainers courses conducted on hazardous waste management and enforcement
- 2 Regional workshops on awareness raising, education and outreach programmes conducted
- 1 Regional workshop conducted to assist countries in the enhancement of regional and national capacities for the collection, management and dissemination of data and information
- 1 Regional workshop conducted to assist countries in the development of waste definitions and national inventories
- 4 Countries assisted in developing and implementing pilot projects on hazardous waste management, including application and use of cleaner technologies

Activity 3: Development and implementation of programme activities concerning the environmentally sound management of priority waste streams

- National inventories of hazardous wastes in 4 countries completed or updated
- Appropriate systems for the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes that include classifications, definitions, standards and procedures developed and in place in 4 countries
- 4 pilot plans for specific hazardous wastes developed and in place in 4 countries
- National programmes for identifying and cleaning up of obsolete stocks of hazardous wastes (e.g. PCBs, pesticides) developed and operational in 2 countries
- 4 Pilot projects on priority hazardous waste streams developed and implemented including application and use of cleaner technologies

Activity 4: Implementation of the control of trans-boundary movements of hazardous wastes

- Agreement established between PRC-SPREP and PCO to as part of strengthening the regional cooperation between the SWC and SBC and the Pacific Customs Organization (PCO)
- 1 Regional workshop conducted for customs and other relevant enforcement officers based on training guidelines and manuals developed by PRC-SPREP, SWC and SBC for the Pacific region
- Synergies between Customs Officials and the Basel and Waigani Convention Competent Authorities (as well as competent authorities of other relevant chemical MEAs) strengthened in 4 countries

J. Endorsements

59. In Article VIII paragraph 2 of the agreement establishing the Regional Centre of Training and Technology Transfer for the Waigani and Basel Conventions in the Pacific Region, it stipulates, *“the Steering Committee shall develop the Business Plan of the Centre and oversee its implementation.”*

60. The Steering Committee for the Centre has not been put in place since the signing of this agreement and as such has not had an opportunity to develop a Business Plan for the Centre. In the absence of the Steering Committee, the PRC’s Business Plans for the last two bienniums, 2003-2004 and 2005-2006 have been developed by the staff of the Centre and submitted to the SBC for noting.

61. The current Business Plan is going to be tabled for noting and endorsing at the Third Meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Waigani Convention scheduled to take place in Noumea, New Caledonia on the 7-8 September 2006. The meeting also will be selecting a Steering Committee to take the lead on developing future Business Plans and other relevant duties that the Steering Committee is put in place to administer.

K. Assumptions and Uncertainties

62. The assumptions and uncertainties outlined here are based on the experience we have worked with when addressing hazardous waste management projects over the last 5 years in the region:

- Cooperation and formal agreements obtained from all participating governments with all agreeing to participate fully
- All governments in the region has fully dedicated and operational officers or agency to deal with hazardous waste management at the national level
- Trained officers remain in their jobs and progress the hazardous waste management work at the national level
- Inter-agency collaboration at the national level is operational
- Government lead agencies for all waste management matters also recognise hazardous waste as an important
- Regional experts and agencies cooperating with the implementation of the Business Plan
- An active Steering Committee
- Mobilization and availability of adequate funding

L. Financial Plan for the period of 2007-2008

63. Please refer to Annex IV for an elaborate financial plan for the implementation of the Business Plan for the PRC-SPREP for the period of 2007-2008.

M. Resource Mobilisation

64. The principles that are followed and advocated for the implementation of this Business Plan for the period of 2007-2008 are:

- a multi-stakeholder approach, involving representatives from various government ministries as well as concerned parties outside of government, such as industry, research institutions, labour, and public interest groups;
- a country-driven process through which partner countries assess and identify their chemicals and hazardous waste management needs and link their related activities to national environmental and developmental objectives; and
- an inter-sectoral approach to chemicals and hazardous waste management in order to facilitate chemical risk reduction and pollution prevention across all stages of the life cycle.

65. The PRC-SPREP will work closely with the following organizations and agencies to mobilize the resources needed for the implementation of the Business Plan for the Centre:

- Secretariat of the Basel Convention
- Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention
- Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention
- Secretariat of the Strategic Approaches to International Chemical Management (SAICM)
- South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC)
- The Pacific Island Forum Secretariat (PIFS)
- United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Government of Japan
- Government of Australia
- Government of New Zealand
- Regional training institutions such as the University of the South Pacific, University of Papua New Guinea and other Universities and colleges in the Pacific region dealing with chemical and hazardous waste management issues
- The Pacific Islands non-governmental organizations
- Relevant Pacific Island regional organizations such as the Pacific Customs Organizations, Pacific Ports Authorities, Police Associations etc

66. All the listed governments, organizations and agencies will be contacted and advised about the vision, objective and aim of the Business Plan of the Pacific Regional Centre and encouraged to be a partner in the implementation of the plan itself over the period of 2007-2008.

N. Monitoring and Evaluation

67. The monitoring and evaluation of the operations of the Centre and the implementation of the Business Plan will be a key role of the Steering Committee. The staff of the Centre will perform the function of reporting on the overall project activities.

68. The key monitoring role for Steering Committee will be in ensuring quality control by the Centre staff at all stages of the operations of the Centre as well as in the implementation of the projects.

69. SBC will also provide monitoring assistance and quality assurance through the provision of technical advice on the implementation of the projects, and by ensuring that conditions of the funding agencies are adhered to rigidly.

70. The proposed Business Plan will be building on the work the Centre has already undertaken over the preceding three years (2004-2006). The list of activities accomplished by the Centre over that period include:

- Successful holding of the first Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) meeting for the Waigani Convention (2004)
- The development of the document titled: "Preliminary Elements for the development of an Integrated Waste Management Strategy for the Pacific Island States" (SWC-SBC, 2005)
- The successful completion of the trailing of the concept of a national regulatory framework for the synergistic implementation of the 3 chemical conventions (Basel, Stockholm, Rotterdam) in Tonga.
- Development of national hazardous waste inventories in 13 Pacific Island countries and the successful regional transboundary movement of hazardous waste materials to Australia for destruction purposes as part of the POPs in PICs project that is administered regionally by SPREP and funded by the Government of Australia
- Successful holding of the Pacific regional training workshop on reporting and inventories of hazardous wastes
- Development of a dedicated web page for legal matters on the SPREP homepage where all the Waigani Convention and hazardous waste documents are posted and updated.

71. In addition to these, SPREP has also successfully collaborated with the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention to conduct three regional training workshops for Parties in the development of their respective national implementation plans.

Recommendation

72. The Meeting is invited to review and endorse the Business Plan for the Pacific Joint Regional Centre

Annex I

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Annex II

The Core Functions of the Centre

The core functions of the Centre are:

1. Training
2. Technology Transfer
3. Information
4. Consulting
5. Awareness raising

The explanations of the functions of the Centre are as follows:

- (a) Developing and conducting training programmes, workshops, seminars and associated projects in the field of the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes, transfer of environmentally sound technology and minimization of the generation of hazardous wastes with specific emphasis on training the trainers and the promotion of ratification and implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions and their instruments;
- (b) Identifying, developing and strengthening mechanisms for the transfer of technology in the field of the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes or their minimization in the Pacific region;
- (c) Gathering, assessing and disseminating information in the field of hazardous wastes and other wastes to Parties of the Basel and Waigani Conventions of the Pacific region and to the secretariat and SPREP;
- (d) Collecting information on new or proven environmentally sound technologies and know-how relating to environmentally sound management and minimization of the generation of hazardous wastes and other wastes and disseminating these to Parties of the Basel and Waigani Conventions of the Pacific region at their request;
- (e) Establishing and maintaining regular exchange of information relevant to the provisions of the Basel and Waigani Conventions, and networking at the national and regional levels;
- (f) Organizing meetings, symposiums and missions in the field, useful for carrying out these objectives in the region;
- (g) Providing assistance and advice to the Parties and non-Parties of the Basel and Waigani Conventions of the Pacific region at their request, on matters relevant to the environmentally sound management or minimization of hazardous wastes, the implementation of the provisions of the Basel and Waigani Conventions and other related matters;
- (h) Promoting public awareness;
- (i) Encouraging the best approaches, practices and methodologies for the environmentally sound management and minimization of the generation of hazardous wastes and other wastes, e.g. through case studies and pilot projects;
- (j) Cooperating with the United Nations and its bodies, in particular UNEP and the Specialized Agencies, and with other relevant intergovernmental organizations, industry and non-governmental organizations, and, where appropriate, with any other institution, in order to coordinate activities and develop and implement joint projects related to the provisions of the Basel and Waigani Conventions and develop synergies where appropriate with other multilateral environmental agreements;

- (k) Developing, within the general financial strategy approved by the Parties of Basel and Waigani Conventions the Centre's own strategy for financial sustainability;
- (l) Cooperating in mobilization of human, financial and material means in order to meet the urgent needs at the request of the Party(ies) of the Basel and Waigani Conventions of the Pacific region faced with incidents or accidents which cannot be solved with the means of the individual Party(ies) concerned;
- (m) Performing any other functions assigned to it by relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties of the Basel and Waigani Conventions or by Parties of Basel and Waigani Conventions of the region, consistent with such decisions.

Annex III

Activity 1: Development and implementation of hazardous and other wastes minimization programmes in developing country Parties in the Pacific region

Sub-activities	Measurable Outputs	SWC's and SBC's role in assisting the PRC-SPREP	Partners
1. Providing legal and technical assistance to Parties to develop framework legislation on wastes and hazardous wastes, including waste definitions	4 Pacific Island countries	Facilitate national consultation process as and when requested;	IGOs/related MEAs
2. Providing assistance to countries to develop systems for the control of trans-boundary movements of hazardous wastes, including the control of illegal traffic	4 Pacific Island countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate access to experts and bilateral/multilateral funding; Provide information on similar standards and procedures available in other countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donors CROP agencies IGOs Related MEAs Regional experts
3. Providing assistance to countries in the assessment of hazardous waste problems (e-wastes, asbestos, ULABs, non-POPs chemicals and healthcare waste, and Waste Oils). The assistance would also include work on waste definitions, national inventory, generation and stockpiles etc	4 Pacific Island countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate regional meetings Coordinate with other concerned IGOs, NGOs and regional bodies Facilitate access to experts and bilateral/multilateral funding; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donors CROP agencies IGOs Related MEAs Regional experts

Sub-activity 1: Assessment of e-wastes in the Pacific

Countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu

Time frame: 18 months – 2007/2008

Budget: US\$80,000

Sub-activity 2: Assessment of ULABs in the Pacific

Countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu

Time frame: 18 months – 2007/2008

Budget: US\$80,000

Sub-activity 3: Pilot project for a partnership on ESM of Used Oils in the North Pacific

Countries: FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru and Palau

Time frame: 18 months – 2007-2008

Budget: US\$70,000

Sub-activity 4: Assessment of asbestos in the Pacific
Countries: Cook Islands, Niue, Samoa, and Tonga
Time frame: 18 months – 2007/2008
Budget: US\$40,000

Sub-activity 5: Pilot project on the management of non-POPs wastes including laboratory chemicals and healthcare waste (expired pharmaceuticals)
Countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu
Time frame: 24 months – 2007-2008
Budget: US\$80,000

Activity 2: The operation of the PRC-SPREP as one of the main regional delivery mechanism for the concrete Implementation of the Strategic Plan

Sub-activities	Measurable Outputs	SWC's and SBC's role in assisting the PRC-SPREP	Partners
<p>1. Provide technical assistance and contribute towards the development and preparation of training manuals, curricula, procedures for monitoring and enforcement and decision support tools undertaken by the SWC and SBC:</p> <p>(a) Revised manual on national legislation</p> <p>(b) Training package on implementation of the Basel Convention</p> <p>(c) Training package on national waste definitions and inventories of hazardous wastes</p> <p>(c) Training package on the preparation of national hazardous waste management plan</p> <p>(e) Guidance manual for customs, port, police and other enforcement officers</p> <p>(f) Training packages for environmentally sound management of specific priority waste streams (e.g. asbestos, waste oils, health-care wastes, used lead acid batteries, etc)</p>	<p>1 manual to be completed</p> <p>1 training package to be completed</p> <p>1 training package to be completed</p> <p>1 training package to be completed</p> <p>1 training package to be completed</p> <p>Training packages for each waste stream to be completed</p>	<p>Providing expertise, coordination and support in document preparation</p> <p>Organize regional/ national meetings as required</p> <p>Seek input and build up partnership with relevant bodies (IGOs, NGOs, industry)</p> <p>Testing of the applicability of the manual together with the PRC-SPREP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NGOs • IGOs • Industry

Sub-activities	Measurable Outputs	SWC's and SBC's role in assisting the PRC-SPREP	Partners
2. Development of national plans and prioritized regional programmes	1 national action plan completed in 4 countries (building on the NIPs for SC), and at least 3 regional programmes completed	Providing expertise, coordination and support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Related IGOs • National Governments
3. Training of trainers on hazardous waste management (including toxic chemicals) and enforcement	4 training courses completed	Coordination and support Participate as experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Related MEAs • CROP agencies • Regional training institutions • Regional experts
4. Awareness, education and outreach programmes and activities	2 regional workshops; trained journalists; publication/ media mix	Providing expertise, coordination and support materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National governments • Related IGOs • Regional training institutions • Industry • Mass media
5. Assisting countries in the enhancement of regional and national capacities for the collection, management and dissemination of data and information	1 regional workshop held	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing expertise, coordination and support • Providing funding from bilateral and multilateral sources • Training material preparation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National governments • Mass media
6. Assist in the development of waste definitions and national inventories on hazardous wastes	1 regional workshops held	Providing expertise, coordination and support Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National governments • Regional training institutions
7. Assist the SWC and SBC in providing technical assistance to countries in developing and implementing pilot projects on hazardous waste management, including application and use of cleaner technologies	4 countries assisted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing expertise, coordination, support and project monitoring; • Build up partnership with stakeholders 	IGO/related MEAs Industry

Sub-activity 6: Training on National Waste Definitions and Hazardous Waste Data Collection
 Countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu
 Time frame: 1 week during 2007-2008
 Budget: US\$45,000

Sub-activity 7: Training of focal points, competent authorities and relevant staff on various aspects of the implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions

Countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu

Time frame: 18 Months

Budget: US\$45,000

Sub-activity 8: Replication of the Training of legal officers to develop the concept of a national regulatory framework for the synergistic implementation of the 4 chemical conventions (Waigani, Basel, Stockholm, Rotterdam)

Countries: 5 PICs to be determined

Time frame: 18 Months

Budget: US\$60,000

Activity 3: *Development and implementation of programme activities concerning the environmentally sound management of priority waste streams*

Sub-activities	Measurable Outputs	SWC's and SBC's role in assisting the PRC-SPREP	Partners
1. Providing assistance to countries in the assessment of priority hazardous waste streams (national waste definitions, national inventory, generation and stockpiles)	4 Parties completed inventories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate regional meetings Coordinate with other concerned 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IGOs NGOs Regional bodies Industry
2. Providing assistance to countries to develop systems for the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes that include classifications, definitions, standards and procedures	4 countries assisted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate access to experts and bilateral/multilateral funding; Provide information on similar standards and procedures available in other countries 	IGOs/related MEAs
3. Assistance to countries to develop hazardous waste management plans	4 pilot plans are developed	Facilitate access to experts, funding and assist in development of the plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IGOs Related MEAs Regional experts
4. Assisting countries in the programme for identifying and cleaning up of obsolete stocks of hazardous wastes (e.g. PCBs, pesticides)	2 countries assisted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing expertise, coordination and support Build up partnership with stakeholders Manual preparation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IGOs NGOs Industry
5. Technical assistance to countries in developing and implementing pilot projects on hazardous waste management (priority waste streams), including application and use of cleaner technologies	4 pilot projects conducted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing expertise, coordination, support and project monitoring; Build up partnership with stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National governments Industry NGOs

Sub-activity 9: National hazardous waste management plans development
 Countries: 4 PICs to be determined
 Time frame: 18 Months
 Budget: US\$30,000

Sub-activity 1,2, 4 6, 7, and 8 will also contribute to this section's output.

Activity 4: Implementation of the control of trans-boundary movements of hazardous wastes

Sub-activities	Measurable Outputs	SWC's and SBC's role in assisting the PRC-SPREP	Partners
1. Strengthening of regional cooperation between the SWC and SBC and the Pacific Customs Organization (PCO)	Agreement between PRC-SPREP and PCO established	Coordination between PRC-SPREP, national governments and PCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Governments Pacific Customs Organization (PCO)
2. Preparation of manuals and guidelines (simple but comprehensive) for the Customs Officials and other relevant enforcement officers in-country.	1 regional training workshop conducted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate access to experts and bilateral/multilateral funding; Provide information on similar procedures available in other countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Governments IGOs/related MEAs PCO
3. Strengthening synergies between Customs Officials and the Basel and Waigani Convention Competent Authorities	4 countries assisted in strengthening the synergies	Coordinate with other concerned IGOs and Regional bodies	Regional bodies IGOs/related MEAs National governments

Sub-activity 10: Establishment of association with Pacific Customs Organization (PCO) and develop training programme
 Countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu
 Time frame: 24 Months
 Budget: US\$5,000

Sub-activity 11: Strengthening the synergies between Customs Officials and the Basel and Waigani Convention Competent Authorities (and other relevant chemical MEAs)
 Countries: 4 PICs to be determined
 Time frame: 18 Months
 Budget: US\$30,000

Sub-activity 7 and 8 will also contribute to this section.

Annex IV

Model for BCRC estimate expenditures for the year 2007/2008:

PRC-SPREP - ESTIMATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 2007/2008			
<u>EXPENDITURE (ESTIMATE)</u>	2007	2008	Total
CORE			
Personnel			
Subcontracts			
Travel and Subsistence	20,000	20,000	40,000
Training/Learning	60,000	50,000	110,000
Equipment, supplies and premises	5,000	5,000	10,000
General operating expenses	5,000	5,000	10,000
Subtotal			
PROJECT			
Assessment of e-waste in the Pacific	50,000	30,000	80,000
Assessment of ULABs in the Pacific	50,000	30,000	80,000
Assessment of asbestos in the Pacific	30,000	10,000	40,000
Pilot project for a partnership on the ESM of used oils in the North Pacific	50,000	20,000	70,000
Pilot project on the management of non-POPs waste including laboratory chemicals and healthcare waste (expired pharmaceuticals)	70,000	30,000	100,000
Subtotal	340,000	200,000	540,000
MANAGEMENT FEES			
UNEP (13% of the project subtotals)	44,200	26,000	70,200
Subtotal	44,200	26,000	70,200
Total Expenditure	384,200	226,000	610,200
<u>INCOME (ESTIMATE)</u>			
Carry forward from previous year core	10,000		10,000
CONTRACTED CORE INCOME			
From BC Trust Fund			
From Technical Cooperation Trust Fund			
Core allocations from SPREP	20,000	20,000	40,000
Subtotal	30,000	20,000	50,000
CONTRACTED PROJECT INCOME			
From BC Trust Fund	50,000		50,000
From Technical Cooperation Trust Fund			
Core allocations from SPREP	10,000	10,000	20,000
Management fee income to SBC			
Subtotal	60,000	10,000	70,000
Under negotiation (CORE)	100,000	70,000	170,000
Under negotiation (Projects)	194,200	126,000	320,200
Total Income	384,200	226,000	610,200
PROJECTED YEAR END SURPLUS	NIL	NIL	NIL



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Noumea, New Caledonia
8 September 2006

Agenda Item 9: Financial statements for the Waigani Convention, 2004 and 2005

Purpose

1. To table the audited Financial Statements for the Waigani Convention for the 2004 and 2005 financial years.

Background

2. Rule 9.4 of the Financial Rules for the Waigani Convention require that the Director 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's remarks are contained in Attachment 1 and are based on the following documents:

- the Report of the Auditors for 2004 that was tabled at the Sixteenth SPREP Meeting and the Cash Flow Statement for 2004 (attachment 2);
- the Report of the Auditors for 2005 that *will be* tabled at the Seventeenth SPREP Meeting and the Cash Flow Statement for 2005 (attachment 3);

3. The Financial Regulations do not require and the small annual budgets for the Conventions do not justify separate audited accounts from those of the SPREP Secretariat.

Recommendation

5. The Parties are invited to:
 - **adopt** the relevant parts of the audited Financial Statements for 2004 and 2005.
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Waigani Convention
Audited Annual Accounts for 2004 and 2005

Director's Remarks

The attached copies of relevant parts of the audited SPREP Financial Statements were prepared in accordance with both the Financial Regulations for the Agreement Establishing SPREP and the Financial Rules for the Waigani Convention.

2004

The Cash Flow Statement shows that only Tuvalu contributed to the Convention. The expenditure shown was to cover the costs of the Second Conference of the Parties, held in Tahiti in September 2004.

2005

The Cash Flow Statement shows only Fiji contributed to the Convention and expenditures shown are associated with the administration of the Convention. Although the statement showed a deficit balance at the end of the year, contributions by Parties in early 2006 have resulted in a positive balance.

Other: An amended contribution schedule for the Parties is also attached to take into account New Zealand offer to fund the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee meeting held in 2004. I would encourage those Parties with outstanding contributions to do so as early as possible.



Asterio Takesy

Director

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**AUDITORS' REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (SPREP)**

We have audited the financial statements of SPREP as set out on pages 3 to 12 for the year ended 31 December 2004. The financial statements provide information on the financial performance of the organisation, and its financial position as at 31 December 2004.

Management Responsibilities

The Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that comply with generally accepted accounting practice, and that gives a true and fair view of the financial position of SPREP as at 31 December 2004, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Auditors Responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion of the financial statements presented by Management, and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts, and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes assessing:

- The significant estimates and judgments made by management in the preparation of the financial statements; and
- Whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances of the organisation, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards of Auditing. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations, which we considered necessary to provide us with sufficient evidence, to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion, we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Specific Reporting Requirements

In accordance with the specific audit reporting requirements of SPREP's Financial Regulation 32 (a) to (f), we report as follows:

(a) Extent and character of examination is as explained in the section above under the heading "Basis of Opinion".

(b) Matters affecting the completeness and accuracy of the accounts refer to our report to management that is attached, titled "Management Report". There are no matters which may have significant effect on the completeness and accuracy of the accounts.

(c) The accuracy or otherwise of the supplies and equipment records as determined by stocktaking and examination of the records. The fixed asset register has being up dated for the year ended 31 December 2004, following the last physical count of all SPREP's assets carried out in July 2003. However, there was no physical count conducted for the year ended 31 December 2004. The Draft Financial Rules and Procedures Manual (DFRPM) clearly states that all SPREP's assets must be physically counted every year prior to the audit.

(d) The adequacy of financial procedures of SPREP including internal control matters and adherence to Financial Regulations. The Draft Financial Rules and Procedures Manual (DFRPM) will be finalized with the revised Financial Regulation approved by the SPREP Meeting.

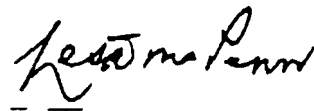
(e) The matters raised in our report to Management have been satisfactorily addressed by Management .

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) as of 31 December 2004, and of the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and in accordance with the SPREP Revised Financial Regulations as approved.

Our audit was completed on 5th May 2005 and our opinion is expressed as at that date,

Apia, Samoa


Certified Public Accountants

MULTIPLE DONORS**Grant to****Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme****Project Title:** 5000 - Parties to the Waigani Convention**Period:** 01 January 2004 to 31 December 2004**Currency:** US DOLLARS**Cashflow Statement****USD**

Opening Cash Balance 01-Jan-04 9,289

Add: Contributions Received this Period
- Tuvalu 1,075Add: Transfer from Other Projects :
- Core contribution 2,000**Total Cash Available** 12,364

Less: Total Expenditure Incurred (attached) - (15,973)

Closing Cash Balance as at 31-Dec-04 (\$3,609)

Certified Correct:

Alofa Tu'uau
Finance Manager

18 July 2006

5000 - Parties to the Waigani Convention
Expenditure 01 January 2004 to 31 December 2004

	USD
<u>General</u>	
Facsimile Costs	44.70
Freight & Courier Costs	73.86
Secretariat Staff - airfares	3,837.09
Secretariat Staff - perdiem	4,228.00
Secretariat Support (2003 - 2004)	1,857.64
Technical Advisory (2003 - 2004)	2,000.00
<u>COP 2</u>	
Other related costs	1,751.21
Assistance to Small Islands Countries - perdiem	2,180.50
Total Expenditure	<u>15,973.00</u>

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AUDITORS' REPORT**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE****SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME
(SPREP)**

We have audited the financial statements of SPREP as set out on pages 3 to 11, for the year ended 31 December 2005. The financial statements provide information on the financial performance of the organisation, and its financial position as at 31 December 2005.

Management responsibilities

The management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that comply with generally accepted accounting practice, and that gives a true and fair view of the financial position of SPREP as at 31 December 2005, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Auditors responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial statements presented by management, and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts, and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes assessing:

- The significant estimates and judgements made by management in the preparation of the financial statements; and
- Whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances of the organisation, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations, which we considered necessary to provide us with sufficient evidence, to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud and error. In forming our opinion, we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Specific reporting requirements

In accordance with the specific audit reporting requirements of SPREP's Financial Regulation 32 (a) to (f), we report as follows:

- (a) extent and character of examination is as explained in the section above under the heading "Basis of Opinion
- (b) matters affecting the completeness and accuracy of the accounts, refer to our report to management, which is attached, titled Management report.
- (c) the accuracy or otherwise of the supplies and equipment records as determined by stocktaking and examination of the records. The fixed assets register has been completed following the physical count of all SPREP assets carried out in August 2005.
- (d) financial procedures of SPREP including internal controls and adherence to draft financial procedures are satisfactory. The Draft Financial Rules and Procedures Manual (DFRPM), Administration Manual and Desk Files are currently being revised by the organization and should be completed by the end of 2006.
- (e) the adequacy of insurance cover for the buildings, stores, furniture, equipment and other property of SPREP. Insurance cover for buildings, furniture, equipment and other property is adequate.
- (f) Other matters, the matters raised in our report to management have been addressed.

We also examined on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts of funds received by the Organization from NZAID and AUSAID. We confirm that funds were spent in accordance with the Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) signed between the respective parties.

Unqualified Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) as of 31 December 2005, and of the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and in accordance with the SPREP Financial Regulations as amended.

Our audit was completed on 26 April 2006 and our opinion is expressed as at that date.

Apia, Samoa


Certified Public Accountants

MULTIPLE DONORS

Grant to

Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme**Project Title: 2510 - Parties to the Waigani Convention****Period: 01 January 2005 to 31 December 2005****Currency: US DOLLARS****Cashflow Statement****USD**

Opening Cash Balance 01-Jan-05 (3,609)

Add: Contributions Received this Period
- Fiji 960**Total Cash Available (2,649)**

Less: Total Expenditure Incurred (attached) (9,000)

Closing Cash Balance as at 31-Dec-05 (\$11,649)

Certified Correct:

Alofa Tu'uau
Finance Manager

18 July 2006

2510 - Parties to the Waigani Convention
Expenditure 01 January 2005 to 31 December 2005

	USD
Facsimile Costs	858.68
Freight & Courier Costs	84.36
Postage & Distribution	58.13
Secretariat Support	3,932.13
Support Staff - Overtime	66.70
Technical Advisory	4,000.00
Total Expenditure	9,000.00



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Noumea, New Caledonia
8 September 2006

Agenda Item 10: Consideration and Adoption of the Core Budget for the Biennium 2007-2008

Purpose

1. To present for consideration and approval by the Meeting the Core budget for the Waigani Convention for the 2007-2008 biennium.

Background

2. The Core Budget for 2007-2008 was prepared and submitted in accordance with the Financial Rules of the Waigani Convention and is attached as Attachment 1.

State of Finances

3. As of 30 June 2006 the balance remaining in the Waigani Convention account was US\$39,091.53. The costs of holding the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties and Second Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee have yet to be incurred and charged. The budget for the 2007-2008 biennium is based on the basis of a zero opening balance.

Status of Payment of Contribution

4. The details of assessments and payment of contributions by the Parties are attached as Attachment 2. Of the 12 Parties, eight Pacific island Parties have outstanding contributions for this and the previous biennium totalling \$8,230.
5. The Parties will note from the schedule that level of contributions for the biennium 2003-2004 has been reduced by the \$25,000 budgeted for the first meeting of STAC which the Government of New Zealand funded by a direct grant to the Secretariat.

Budget summary

6. The Waigani Convention Budget is in US dollars and can be summarised as follows:

Budget

1. Fourth Meeting of the Parties in 2008	9,938
2. Support to Parties for 2007-2008	8,000
3. Meeting of the Steering Committee for the Waigani/Basel Regional Centre	15,000
TOTAL	<u>\$33,988</u>

Explanation of items

7. The Second Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee scheduled for 2006 is to be deferred to 2007 and will address any technical, scientific or legal matters identified at COP3.

8. A Steering Committee required by the SPREP/SBC MOU of 2003 “to advise on the development and implementation of the activities of the Centre and to enhance national support to its work...” need to be selected and meet in the next biennium to carry out its functions.

Recommendation

9. The Parties are invited to:

- **consider** and **adopt** the attached budget and contributions for the biennium 2007 – 2008;
- **approve** to contributions allocation towards funding the Core Budget; and
- **commit** collectively and individually to meet promptly all outstanding contributions.

20 July 2006

WAIGANI CONVENTION BUDGET 2007 & 2008

EXPENDITURE (USD)

1 Fourth Conference of the Parties, 2008

Per diem - participants (Small Island States)

- Cook Islands	2 days	420	
- Kiribati	2 days	420	
- Niue	2 days	420	
- Tuvalu	2 days	420	1,680

Resource person x 2 1,800

Other Meeting Costs

- Secretariat Support	4,358	
- Communications	500	
- Photocopying and stationery	500	
- Catering (Morning/Afternoon teas)	150	
- Other costs (venue, cocktails etc)	2,000	7,508

\$ 10,988

2 Technical Advisory Services and Support to Parties, 2007-2008

\$ 8,000

3 Steering Committee Meeting

\$ 15,000

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

\$ 33,988

WAIGANI CONVENTION CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2007-2008

Australia	40.000%	13,595
Cook Islands	2.000%	680
Federated States of Micronesia	2.000%	680
Fiji	2.000%	680
Kiribati	2.000%	680
New Zealand	40.000%	13,595
Niue	2.000%	680
Papua New Guinea	2.000%	680
Samoa	2.000%	680
Solomon Islands	2.000%	680
Tonga	2.000%	680
Tuvalu	2.000%	680

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

\$ 33,988

Waigani Convention
Payment Schedule as at 30 June 2006

Member Country	2003-2004 Contributions Payable	Amended 2003- 2004 Contributions Payable	Payments received as at 31/12/03	Balance as at 31/12/03	Payments received as at 31/12/04	Balance as at 31/12/04	2005-2006 Contributions Payable	Payments received as at 31/12/05	Balance as at 31/12/05	Payments received as at 30/06/06	Balance as at 30/06/06
Australia	17,200	7,200	0	7,200	0	7,200	19,200	0	26,400	(36,400)	(10,000)
Cook Islands	1,075	450	0	450	0	450	960	0	1,410	0	1,410
Federated States of Micronesia	1,075	450	0	450	0	450	960	0	1,410	(2,035)	(625)
Fiji	1,075	450	(1,075)	(625)	0	(625)	960	(960)	(625)	0	(625)
Kiribati	1,075	450	(1,075)	(625)	0	(625)	960	0	335	0	335
New Zealand	17,200	7,200	0	7,200	0	7,200	19,200	0	26,400	(36,375)	(9,975)
Niue	0	0	0	0	0	0	960	0	960	0	960
Papua New Guinea	1,075	450	0	450	0	450	960	0	1,410	0	1,410
Samoa	1,075	450	0	450	0	450	960	0	1,410	0	1,410
Solomon Islands	1,075	450	0	450	0	450	960	0	1,410	0	1,410
Tonga	0	0	0	0	0	0	960	0	960	0	960
Tuvalu	1,075	450	0	450	(1,075)	(625)	960	0	335	0	335
TOTAL	\$43,000	\$18,000	(\$2,150)	\$15,850	(\$1,075)	\$14,775	\$48,000	(\$960)	\$61,815	(\$74,810)	(\$12,995)