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**AGENDA ITEM 10.1:**  
**Report on Members' Contributions**

**Purpose of Paper**

1. To report to the Meeting on Members' Contributions.

**Background**

2. Financial Regulation 14 requires the Director General to submit to each SPREP Meeting a report on the receipt of Members' contributions. This report provides an update on the status of Members' contributions as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 as audited, as well as a brief update on the status of membership contributions at the time of drafting this report (31 May 2019). A further update will be provided at the Meeting.

**Update**

3. The audited Financial Statements as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 noted total contributions received from Members of US\$1,172,741, a decrease of US\$177,321 from 2017 contributions received of US\$1,350,062. The decrease is attributed to the receipt in 2017 of outstanding contributions. Overall, collection of members' annual contributions has improved over the last 2 years.
4. The latest updated statement of contributions as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 is attached as Annex 1. The table shows that the total balance of outstanding contributions from members at 31 December 2018 was USD\$60,117. This is a significant improvement on prior years (2016-\$288,612; 2017-\$82,101).
5. The table also shows the amounts expected from Members as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 comprising unpaid amounts from prior years and amounts outstanding to date for the current year. These total \$1,156,632. As at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019, the Secretariat had received US\$606,530 or 52% of the 2019 contributions, which in combination with prior years' outstanding contributions leaves an outstanding balance on unpaid contributions from members of US\$610,219.

## Outstanding Contributions

6. Other than Members with small adjusting balances, the following table summarises Member countries with outstanding contributions as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 for both 2019 and prior years' contributions:

| <i>MEMBER</i>            | <i>Balance</i>   |                  | <i>Payment</i>      |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| <i>COUNTRY</i>           | <i>31-Dec-18</i> | <i>2019</i>      | <i>Received</i>     | <i>Balance</i>   |
|                          |                  | <i>Payable</i>   | <i>at 31 May 19</i> | <i>31-May-19</i> |
| American Samoa           | 0                | 10,184           | -                   | 10,184           |
| Fiji                     | 2,036            | 20,360           | -                   | 22,396           |
| Guam                     | 122,167          | 20,360           | -                   | 142,527          |
| Kiribati                 | 10,184           | 10,184           | -                   | 20,368           |
| Marshall Islands         | 1,026            | 10,184           | (10,185)            | 1,025            |
| Nauru                    | 1,057            | 10,184           | -                   | 11,241           |
| Niue                     | 33               | 10,184           | -                   | 10,217           |
| Northern Marianas        | 139,970          | 10,184           | -                   | 150,154          |
| Palau                    | (1)              | 10,184           | -                   | 10,183           |
| Samoa                    | (21,672)         | 24,432           | -                   | 2,760            |
| Solomon Islands          | 2,087            | 20,360           | -                   | 22,447           |
| Tuvalu                   | 7                | 12,221           | -                   | 12,228           |
| United Kingdom           | 7                | 134,202          | -                   | 134,209          |
| United States of America | (112,652)        | 186,787          | -                   | 74,135           |
| Vanuatu                  | (0)              | 20,360           | -                   | 20,360           |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>144,249</b>   | <b>\$510,370</b> | <b>(\$10,185)</b>   | <b>644,434</b>   |

7. An updated listing of outstanding contributions will be provided immediately prior to the meeting

## Recommendation

8. The Meeting is invited to:
1. **consider** the report and **address** the problem of outstanding member contributions; and
  2. **commit** itself collectively and individually to paying current and outstanding contributions in full in 2019.

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25 July, 2019