Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement and the Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region (Waigani Convention)

Apia, Samoa
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AGENDA ITEM 5: National Reporting

Purpose:

1. To table national Reports received from Parties as well as reports of illegal traffic.

Background:

2. Article 7.3 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 articles 9.6 and 14.

3. In its Second Meeting in 2004, the Conference of the Parties agreed that Reporting and Transmission of Information forms should be filled out annually by Parties and submitted to the SPREP in its role as the Secretariat of the Waigani Convention. Parties were requested to begin reporting under the Waigani Convention starting at the 2004 calendar year.

4. The 2004 Meeting also approved Guidance Elements for Detection, Prevention and control of Illegal Traffic in Hazardous Wastes and adopted a Form for reporting confirmed cases of Illegal Traffic.


Recommendation:

6. The Parties are invited to:

   1. table any reports they may have completed for 2018-2019;
   2. share with the Secretariat and other Parties their experience on any instances of illegal traffic since September 2017; and
   3. urge parties that had not yet done so to transmit to the Secretariat their completed forms on the transmission of information for 2018 and for previous years, as soon as possible and in electronic form, using the reporting forms adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its second meeting.