Twelfth 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)

1st September 2023, Apia, Samoa

Agenda item 6: Competent Authorities and Focal Points

Purpose of paper

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

Background

2. The designation or establishment of a competent authority and a focal point by Parties under Article 5 of the Waigani Convention assists in facilitating 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. The most recent list of Competent Authorities and Focal Points is attached as Attachment 6

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.
➢ adopt the updated list of Competent Authorities and Focal Points to the Waigani Convention

13 March 2023
### COMPETENT AUTHORITIES AND FOCAL POINTS
**TO THE WAIGANI CONVENTION**

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