



Thirteenth Meeting of the Waigani Convention
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Thirteenth 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)

Agenda Item 5 : Reporting and transmission of information on illegal traffic and National Reports

Purpose of paper:

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 (COP2) in 2004, the Conference of the Parties adopted the recommendation that Reporting and Transmission of information forms should be filled out annually by Parties and submitted to the Secretariat. The Parties were further requested to begin reporting under the Waigani Convention starting at the 2004 calendar year.
4. The same meeting in 2004 also approved Guidance Elements for Detection, Prevention and control of Illegal Traffic in Hazardous Wastes and the form for confirmed cases of Illegal Traffic.
5. The above forms can be downloaded at: <http://www.sprep.org/legal/regional/htm>.

Recommendations:

6. The Parties are invited:
 - 1) **Table** any reports they may have completed for 2023 to 2025;
 - 2) **Share** with the Secretariat and other Parties their experience on any instances of illegal traffic since July 2023; and
 - 3) **Urge** Parties that have yet to transmit reports to the Secretariat to do so as soon as possible using the reporting forms adopted by the Conference of the Parties.
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