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SUBJECT: Introducing the following:

SPREP is pleased to announce the following new members of the SPREP Community:

1. **Mr. Charlie Reed**, a Samoan national, has been appointed as the IT Support Officer (ITSO) within the Information Services Department. Charlie holds a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from the University of New South Wales, Australia. He joined SPREP from the Samoa Law Reform Commission where he had been working as the Senior IT Officer for the past five months. Charlie started official duties on Monday, 4 February 2019.



The ITSO role will provide support and assistance to the IT Team on SPREP-wide applications and databases, IT infrastructure, services, processes and other technical end user support.

2. The following engagements have been made possible through the Secretariat's Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the United States Peace Corp Response Volunteers (PCRV) Programme. Deborah and Steve will be working closely with the Waste Management and Pollution Control Programme over the next 12 months as Events Coordination Specialists. In these roles, they will focus on the 'Greening' of the Pacific Games which will be held in July this year here in Apia, Samoa; as well as other sustainable activities that have a life post the games such as the sports champions, recycling mechanisms for plastics including infrastructure and financial incentives, and guidelines for future events. They started official duties on Monday, 11 February 2019.



a) **Ms. Deborah Buckley** has a Bachelor of Arts from Antioch University, Seattle and she brings with her over 30 years experience in the fields of management, marketing and project development. She has been working for Peace Corps for the past four years as a Field-Based Recruiter in Western North Carolina.



b) Mr. Steve Price has a Bachelor of Science, Psychology (emphasis in Counseling Psychology) graduate of the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, USA. He has over 40 years experience in counselling, marketing and international development volunteer. He has completed a number of volunteer assignments with Peace Corps including roles such as Business Development Specialist in Suriname, South America and as a Field-Based Regional Recruiter in Utah.

3. Ms. Maria Sapatu, a Samoan national, has been appointed to the role of NZ Pacific Partnership on Ocean Acidification (PPOA), Project Technical Assistant (PPOAPTA) within the Climate Change and Resilience Programme. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science from the University of the South Pacific, Fiji. Maria joins SPREP from Conservation International, Samoa where she had been working as the Programme Associate Officer for the past year. Maria started official duties on Monday, 11 February 2019.



The PPOAPTA role will provide project assistance and support in the management and implementation of the PPOA project. This is a collaborative effort between SPREP, the University of the South Pacific, and the Pacific Community, which aims to build resilience to ocean acidification in Pacific Island communities and ecosystems, with financial support from the NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Principality of Monaco.

We congratulate Charlie, Deborah, Steve and Maria on their new appointments and we look forward to these positions increasing and strengthening relevant support and services to the region.

Yours sincerely,

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Director General