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TO: SPREP National Focal Points
Waigani & Basel Convention
Competent Authorities

Dear Focal Points,

Greetings from SPREP

It is my sincere pleasure to convey to you that the GEF ISLANDS Programme has been included in the June 2019 GEF Work Programme. This inclusion is based on the understanding that the Programme is in conformity with GEF Trust Fund focal area strategies and with GEF policies and procedures, and will be endorsed by GEF Council by June 10.

Under the new GEF 7 policy the full CEO submission must be ready for review by GEF SEC within 12 months of GEF Council approval. We look forward to working with you and UNEP (as GEF Implementing Agency) to finalise the full submission for GEF CEO Endorsement in the following 12-month period. The full submission will be supported by the customary Project Preparation Grant for the Pacific Child Project and work is already underway with the UNEP team to have this ready to start as soon as we receive GEF Council approval on June 10.

We would like to provisionally arrange to brief you in person on the steps in the PPG process during the forthcoming GEF Extended Constituency Workshop (ECW) to be held in Nadi, Fiji during the week of July 22 – 26. The meeting will be attended by the UNEP Chemicals and Waste Portfolio Manager and GEF Chemicals and Waste Focal Area Lead and so offers a unique opportunity for any questions to be raised and hopefully addressed.

On behalf of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme, we would like to convey to all Pacific member countries our sincere appreciation for the most excellent support provided in getting this Regional Project to this stage.

We look forward to progressing this further in the coming months and maintaining this positive and productive partnership with you all, with UNEP and with the GEF Secretariat.

For further information please contact Vicki Hall at vickih@sprep.org.

Yours sincerely,



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