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TO: SPREP National Focal Points
Partners and CROP

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SUBJECT: SPREP Advisory on Preventative Measures for the Coronavirus

Dear Members and Partners,

Further to earlier advice shared through Circulars 20/05 and 20/08 kindly note that in light of recent developments including announcement by the World Health Organization (WHO) that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a pandemic, combined with health and travel advisories issued by respective governments throughout the Pacific region, the SPREP Management Team have met today and note the following:

- All official SPREP travel is now cancelled until further notice.
- The situation will be reviewed at the end of March.

Regional meetings that are postponed until further notice include the:

- 10th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas; and
- 2020 Pacific Ocean, Pacific Climate Change Conference

These measures are not taken lightly but one that is necessary for our Pacific region. Please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat for further clarification, information and/or assistance.

Kind regards

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