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SUBJECT: Capacity Building related to Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Countries Phase III: ACPMEA Phase 3 Project

Dear Members,

The project on capacity building related to MEAs in the ACP Countries is a partnership initiative between the European Commission, the Secretariat of the ACP, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). The aim of the project is to empower stakeholders to address environmental challenges and to reap the benefits of improved environmental management at the national and regional levels.

SPREP, as the Pacific Hub for the ACPMEAs project had successfully implemented the first two phases of the project. In July this year, the Project Cooperation Agreement for Phase 3 was signed by UNEP and SPREP. The ACPMEA Phase 3 Project has two components which focuses on (i) Enforcement of, and compliance with MEAs related biodiversity and chemicals and waste; and (ii) Better management of coasts and oceans and effective implementation of the related regional seas conventions, for the Pacific, the focus will be on the Noumea Convention.

As you would recall, the broad priorities for Phase 3 for the Pacific ACP countries were endorsed by the 28th SPREP Meeting in 2017. Based on these broad priority areas, the Secretariat has developed a Results Framework and Work Plan and Budget to support the implementation of targeted activities of the project.

The implementation arrangements for Phase 3 will follow the same modality as in phases 1 and 2 where the project will be directly managed and executed by the Secretariat in close consultation with Pacific Island Country focal points. Internally within the Secretariat, the project will be managed and coordinated by the Environmental Monitoring and Governance Programme in close collaboration with the Island and Oceans Ecosystem Programme and the Waste Management and Pollution Control Programme.

The project will include both national and regional level activities and the Secretariat will be organizing consultations with respective Member countries to discuss details of the project and its related activities. These discussions are planned to take place in the first quarter of 2021 when project personnel are on board. The project duration is five years however, there have been delays in the start-up of the project due to the late signing of the Project Cooperation Agreement and the receipt



of initial funds to start implementation. The approved allocated budget available to SPREP to implement the project is US\$3,263,750.00

I look forward to another successful phase of the ACPMEA project following on from the success of the first two phases. For any additional information or clarification on the ACPMEA Phase 3 project, please contact Ms. Easter Chu Shing, Director of the Environment Monitoring and Governance Programme easterc@sprep.org

I thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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