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Waigani and Basel Convention
Competent Authorities & Focal
Points

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SUBJECT: **Eight Meeting of the Waigani Convention Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC-8)**

Dear Sirs/ Mesdames:

As agreed, to in the Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Waigani Convention (COP-9) held in Apia in September in 2019, I am pleased to advise that the *Eight Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC-8) of the Waigani Convention* will be held on the 23rd of June 2021. Due to the current COVID pandemic, the meeting will be held virtually.

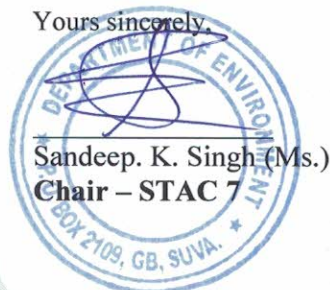

Please find attached a draft provisional agenda that has been prepared jointly by the Secretariat and Fiji as the current STAC Chair. Also attached is a nomination form which should be used to nominate your country's nominee for the STAC meeting.

I would like to therefore seek your feedback on the draft provisional agenda for finalization by 28th May 2021. I would also like to invite nominations from all Parties and appreciate it if the name(s) of the *designated, suitable representative, alternative and accompanying experts and advisers* could be sent to the Secretariat by the 28th of May 2021.

This invitation is also extended to the non-Waigani Convention parties in the region, namely Marshall Islands, Nauru and Palau to nominate a *designated, suitable representative, alternative and accompanying experts and advisers* to attend and participate in the STAC.

We look forward to receiving your country's feedback on the draft provisional agenda and nomination by the said date and thank you kindly for your consideration to participate at the meeting.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair – STAC 7