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To: All SPREP National Focal Points

28 June 2021

Re: Welcome to the SPREP Independent Review from the Review Team

Greetings, on behalf of the Independent Review Team I have the pleasure to write this welcome message to all SPREP Focal Points.

You will all be aware of the Circular from the Director General (21/47 of 4 June) that the task of carrying out this review has been awarded to Natural Solutions Pacific, and we have commenced our work. In that circular the Director General also kindly introduced the Review Team.

We envisage a very challenging task ahead given a number of issues not the least of which result from the ongoing impacts of the Coronavirus Pandemic, together with the growth of the SPREP work programme and budget in recent years, and the short timeframe to deliver in readiness for the SPREP Meeting in early September.

In writing this welcome message, I would like to invite you to engage in informing our task. It would be disappointing to conclude with less than optimal input from each of the SPREP Members. You will be hearing, if you have not already heard, from the Secretariat of the upcoming subregional workshops scheduled over the coming weeks. There will also be an online survey which will be circulated this week.

We request your support in ensuring that both these initiatives, which are intended to gather factual data, are brought to the attention of all who have been engaged in SPREP's work in and/or for your country over the last 5 years. We are interested in all forms of engagement with SPREP's work over the review period, including work that is ongoing, anticipated, or completed.

In addition, it is hoped there will be the opportunity for selected one-on-one interviews. Should you wish to chat with myself or your Sub-regional Consultation Lead, please let me know soonest by email so we have plenty of time to schedule an interview.

Finally, please be assured the Review Team stands ready to consult as fully as possible and looks forward to hearing from you if any challenges arise.

In closing, we look forward to presenting our findings in summary to the SPREP Meeting in early September, and the special meeting to consider our report at the end of September.

Sincere Regards,

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Review Team, Project Director

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