

## CIRCULAR

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Waigani Convention Competent Authorities  
and Focal Points

**DATE:** 13 April 2023

**CIRCULAR:** 23/28

**SUBJECT: PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE WAIGANI CONVENTION TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES**

Dear Members,

This circular serves to communicate to Parties and signatories to the Waigani Convention the text of a proposal to amend the Waigani Convention submitted by Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and Samoa.

The proposal will be considered at the extra ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties, which is scheduled to take place on the 13 October 2023.

The circular is being sent in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 16 which provides that the text of any proposed amendment “shall be communicated to the Parties by the Secretariat at least six months before the meeting at which it is proposed for adoption” and paragraph 4 of Rule 4 of the *Rules of Procedure for Meeting and Conferences of the Contracting Parties of the Waigani Convention* on the convening of extra ordinary meetings. Annex I to the letter sets out the amendment proposal, and Annex II sets out an explanatory note by the proponents.

To facilitate discussion at the extra ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties, Parties are invited to submit to the Secretariat and to the Government of Australia any comments relating to the proposed amendments by 13 June 2023. The Secretariat will provide the Conference of the Parties with a compilation of any comments submitted.

Please send your comments, preferably by e-mail, to:

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Should you require further additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat.

Your sincerely,



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