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and Focal Points

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SUBJECT: **Updated Draft Provisional Agenda and Working Papers for the Extraordinary Meeting
of the Conference of the Parties to the Waigani Convention**

Dear Members,

As a follow-up to SPREP Circular #23/80 and pertaining to the Extraordinary Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to be held in Palau on 13 October 2023, we are pleased to share with you the updated provisional agenda and Working Papers.

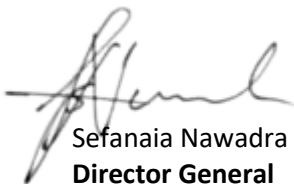
You will recall that in the recently held twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Waigani Convention (COP-12), Parties requested for Agenda item 11, regarding the consideration and approval of the 2024-2025 Business Plan of the Pacific Regional Centre for the Joint Implementation of the Basel and Waigani Convention, to be revised by the Secretariat and tabled for consideration at the Extraordinary Meeting in Palau.

In accordance with Rule 14 of the *Rules of Procedure For Meeting and Conferences of the Contracting Parties to the Waigani Convention*, and the outcome of COP-12 regarding agenda item 11, the provisional agenda has been updated to include the revised 2024-2025 Business Plan of the Centre in addition to the initial agenda item on the proposal to amend the Waigani Convention by Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Samoa.

The Secretariat wishes to apologise to Parties for the delay in distributing the additional agenda item and associated working papers within the timeframe agreed to by Parties at COP-12.

We look forward to welcoming you at the Extraordinary meeting of the Waigani Convention in Palau to continue its effective implementation in the Pacific.

Yours sincerely,



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