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SUBJECT: **Distribution of the Report of the First Extraordinary Meeting, Adoption of amendments and tracked changes version of the Waigani Convention**

Competent Authorities and Focal Points,

I am pleased to share the report of the proceedings and outcomes of the first extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Waigani Convention, attached herewith for your reference and perusal. A tracked changes version of the Waigani Convention text, highlighting the recent amendments and modifications, is also attached. This is intended to provide a clear and transparent overview of the changes adopted and serve as a useful tool for understanding and ratifying the changes.

I congratulate all Parties on the historical adoption of the first-ever amendments to the Waigani Convention. This step not only marks a significant milestone in our collective journey but also restates our commitment to addressing hazardous and radioactive wastes in the Pacific region. The amendments encapsulate our shared regional vision and aspiration for a safer and sustainable environment bearing witness to our collective spirit and determination to making this a reality. As we move forward, I urge all Parties to continue with this spirit of collaboration and dedication in implementing the amendments for the betterment of our region and its peoples.

Please address any queries or clarifications on these documents to the Waigani Convention Secretariat joshuas@sprep.org.

I congratulate and thank you once again for this historic achievement.

Yours sincerely,



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