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DATE: 20 August 2025 (Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of

Micronesia, Fiji, France, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Papua

New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, and

United States of America)

SUBJECT: WORKING PAPERS FOR THE EIGHTEENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE

PARTIES TO THE NOUMEA CONVENTION AND NATIONAL REPORTS (COP-18)

Dear Contracting Parties to the Noumea Convention,

The Secretariat of the Noumea Convention wishes to advise that the Working Papers for the upcoming Eighteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP18) are now finalised and available in both English and French. These can be accessed on the SPREP website: https://www.sprep.org/sprep-meeting/2025/eighteenth-noumea-convention.

Further, the Secretariat kindly reminds Contracting Parties to convey their national reports no later than **Wednesday 27 August 2025**. Otherwise, there is an opportunity to present or share updates on your respective national implementation activities during the meeting under Agenda Item 5.

We thank you for your continued collaboration and look forward to your participation at COP18.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Clark Peteru, Director Legal Services and Governing Bodies Department on clarkp@sprep.org or Ms. Kathleen Taituave-Afereti, Environmental Law and Policy Officer on kathleent@sprep.org.

Yours sincerely,

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