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Maritime Focal Points
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SUBJECT: **Questionnaire on the Needs to Ratify the London Protocol and The Noumea Dumping Protocol**

Dear Members,

Greetings for the New Year!

The Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the South Pacific Region by Dumping (NCDP1986), an instrument under the Noumea Convention 1986, serves as a regional framework for Pacific Island countries to meet the global standards and objectives, aligning their obligations with those of the London Convention 1972 (LC1972).

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) is also the Secretariat of NCDP1986 which entered into force 1990 and has been accepted by 11 out of 12 Noumea Convention Parties.

NCDP1986 was amended and adopted 2006 (NCDP2006) but the amendment has not entered into force. It was based on the London Protocol 1996 (LP1996) which functionally supersedes LC1972. *Please refer to the separate attachment.*

LP1996 provides the international standard and framework for countries to individually and collectively protect and preserve the marine environment from all sources of pollution and take effective measures, according to scientific, technical, and economic capabilities to prevent, reduce, and where practicable, eliminate pollution caused by dumping. Hence, effective implementation of LP1996 helps promote a healthy marine environment and support the blue economy and therefore advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and effectively support achieving several of its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially SDG 14 "Life below Water".

Following the receipt of financial support from the Government of the United Kingdom, the Office for the LC/LP and Ocean Affairs at IMO, SPREP has engaged a consultant to initiate a focused intervention to promote LP1996 and NCDP2006 in the SPREP region.

The main objective of this consultancy is to assess the needs of the participating SPREP Member countries, as well as their readiness to ratify and/or effectively implement LP96. Additionally, it aims to develop a strategic roadmap for building capacity in the Pacific region and the national administrations of SPREP Members countries to promote ratification and implementation of LP1996 and NCDP2006.

We appreciate your kind support to provide information for analysis to address this objective. The attached questionnaire is to establish possible reasons for non-ratification of LP1996 and/or NCDP2006 as well as an overview of past and possible future dumping of waste activities at sea.

SPREP kindly requests support for the completion of the questionnaire and to send the completed document to Mr. Edward Kleverlaan edward.kleverlaan@gmail.com with a copy to Mr Mohammed Asid Zullah at SPREP (mohammedz@sprep.org) **no later than Friday, 20 February 2026.**

Thank you for your kind attention and time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Clark Peteru', written over a faint rectangular stamp.

Clark Peteru
Officer-in-Charge