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SUBJECT: **Invitation to attend the Regional Workshop on the promotion of the London Protocol and the Noumea Dumping Protocol.**

Dear Members,

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) is pleased to announce and invite your participation in the Regional Workshop on the promotion of the London Protocol and the Noumea Dumping Protocol, scheduled from **25 to 27 March 2026** in **Nadi, Fiji**. This initiative is made possible through the generous financial support of the Government of the United Kingdom and the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

This workshop is a pivotal component of a focused consultancy aimed at assessing the needs and readiness of SPREP Member countries to ratify and effectively implement the London Protocol 1996 (LP 1996) and the 2006 amended Noumea Dumping Protocol (NCDP2006). It follows the distribution of a regional questionnaire designed to identify legal, technical, and administrative barriers to accession.

The workshop will follow a comprehensive three-day draft program (*refer to Annex 1*), attached, designed to transition from high-level legal frameworks to practical national implementation strategies.

We are pleased to fully fund two (2) participants (**one participant from Environment Ministry and one participant from Maritime Administration**) from the following countries to attend the meetings: Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

To enable the successful planning of meeting logistics, we kindly request that each country nominates a representative to these meetings by completing and returning the attached nomination form (*refer to Annex 2*) by **Friday, 13 February 2026**. This will confirm the attendance of the nominated personnel and enable the Secretariat to initiate travel preparations in a timely manner.

All IMO sponsored travel arrangements will strictly adhere to the SPREP travel policy, inclusive of economy return airfare via the most direct and economical route. In addition, IMO will cover the cost of accommodation, meals and incidental expenses (Daily Subsistence Allowance), in accordance with the rules and regulations of the United Nations. Participants must ensure that they are in possession of all necessary entry and transit visas prior to their departure. Please note that the responsibility for travel insurance and visa expenses will be borne by traveller.

For any further clarification or additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mr. Mohammed Asid Zullah at zullahm@sprep.org. Kindly also copy Ms. Davina Tiitii at davinat@sprep.org.

Your attendance and contributions to these important meetings are highly anticipated, and we look forward to the invaluable insights and perspectives that your delegates will bring.

Yours sincerely,

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Officer-in-Charge