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Dear Mr Latu,

Subject: EU participation SPREP biannual meetings

SPREP and the European Union have developed over the years a strategic partnership, working together to address the challenges faced by Pacific Island Countries in areas such as climate change, biodiversity, protection of marine habitats and waste management. The recent success and impact of the Clean Pacific Roundtable exemplifies the strength of this partnership.

SPREP represents one of the key partners for the EU in the Pacifc, in particular in terms of development cooperation, with over 55 million euros of current or planned EU financed projects to be implemented by SPREP.

In view of the growing importance of the parternship, it is important to ensure the EU's active participation in biannial SPREP meetings, including the formal opportunity of engaging with members and make interventions during the discussions on issues linked to the EU cooperation.

I rely on your support in this regard and I hope that this proposal can be endorsed at the upcoming SPREP Executive Board meeting

Yours sincerely,

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