

## First Executive Board Meeting

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### AGENDA ITEM 2: *Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair*

#### Purpose of Paper

1. The “*Rules of Procedure of the SPREP Meeting*” (Rules 8.1 and 8.2), provides that where the Meeting is hosted by the Secretariat, the Chair shall rotate alphabetically, and where the Meeting is not hosted by the Secretariat, the Chair shall be provided by the host country.
2. Accordingly, the **Chair** of the Executive Board shall be **Papua New Guinea** the next in alphabetical order since the Secretariat last hosted the SPREP Meeting (28SM, Apia 2017).

#### Background

3. Rule 8.3 also provide that the Vice-Chair shall rotate alphabetically whether or not the Meeting is hosted by the Secretariat. The Vice-Chair of the Twenty-Eighth SPREP Meeting was Fiji. Under the principle of alphabetical rotation, therefore, **France** should be appointed **Vice-Chair** of the Executive Board SPREP Meeting.

#### Recommendation

4. The Executive Board is invited to:
  - **confirm** the Representative of **Papua New Guinea** as **Chair**; and
  - **confirm** the Representative of **France** as **Vice-Chair**.