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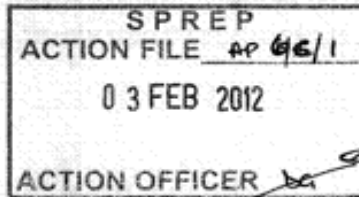
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Dear David

Nuclear Testing and its environmental impact in the Pacific

Thank you for your circular of 16 December 2011 for comments on the letter and proposal from French Polynesia regarding nuclear testing and its environmental impact in the Pacific, and regret the delay in responding.

We agree on the importance of this matter and also deem that the views of the countries such as the Republic of Marshall Islands, Kiribati and Cook Islands that are mentioned in H.E. President Temaru's letter would be important ones to consider on work that could usefully be done by the proposed panel. It would also be useful to consider that the panel comprises these countries and that a proper mandate be drawn up for the panel including the destination of its outcome report.

In addition, we would appreciate an indication from SPREP on resource and budget implication that such additional work would require including where funding will be sourced from for the resources needed and the proposed meetings of the panel.

Such additional information could be put forward to members to discuss including at the next annual session of the organization.

Sincerely

Faalavaau Perina J Sila
For Chief Executive Officer