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Twenty Third SPREP Meeting of Officials

4-6 September 2012
Noumea
New Caledonia

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 Twenty-Third SPREP Meeting shall be **New Caledonia**, the host country.
3. Rule 8.3 also provide that the Vice-Chair shall rotate alphabetically whether or not the Meeting is hosted by the Secretariat. Under the principle of alphabetical rotation, **Vanuatu** should be appointed **Vice-Chair** of the Twenty-Third SPREP Meeting.

Recommendation

4. The Meeting is invited to:
 - **confirm** the Representative of **New Caledonia** as **Chair**; and
 - **confirm** the Representative of **Vanuatu** as **Vice-Chair**.

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