

REPORT OF WORK DONE SINCE COP5, 2010

COP 5 – September 2010	Action Taken/Comments
Agenda Item 4: Presentation of the Report by the Secretariat of Work Undertaken	
8. The Secretariat presented its report on work undertaken since the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, 2008.	<i>No action required</i>
Agenda Item 4.1: Report of STAC-3	
12. The Secretariat presented the report of STAC3 and advised that several items are also included in the COP agenda.	<i>No action required</i>
13. On paragraph 19 of the report, regarding the issue of waste oil transported from the Cook Islands to Fiji, the representative of the Cook Islands advised that this was conducted through an agreement between the supplier and the buyer with advice to the Government of the Cook Islands.	<i>SPREP did not receive any further information from Fiji. SPREP prepared guidance documents for country SAICM applications in Feb 2011 and circulated these to all Members</i>
15. Responding to a question from PNG regarding the withdrawal of SPREP's nomination as the Regional Centre for the Stockholm Convention, the Secretariat advised that it had been advised that SPREP did not meet the requirements for a Stockholm Centre, which needs to be more of a technical and research centre (as opposed to a Basel Centre, which is mainly administrative in nature). The Secretariat also advised that much work has now gone into synergising the Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions and that the Secretariat would work with Parties on progressing this work further. Fiji stated that it has a SAICM (Strategic Approach to International Chemical Management) focal point and requested assistance from the Secretariat.	<i>As above</i>
17. The representative of Vanuatu advised that Vanuatu has recently appointed a SAICM national focal point and requested assistance from the Secretariat with reviewing a recent proposal for submission to the SAICM secretariat that is due by 15 September 2010.	<i>As above</i>
18. The representative of Solomon Islands and Tuvalu also requested assistance from the Secretariat in accessing funds under the SAICM.	
20. Responding to a query from Fiji on the status of work on management of used oil in the Pacific, the Secretariat advised that little has progressed due to the challenge of lack of personnel. A funding agreement has been developed with the French Development Agency (AFD), a tender has been called for and a final outcome is yet to be determined.	<i>The Agence Française de Développement (AFD) 4-year project started in October 2011. It includes a component to develop a waste oil collection system and export from 2 Pacific island countries to Fiji. The development of a used oil product stewardship scheme and management guidelines are also included</i>
21. The representative of Samoa drew attention to paragraph 16 of the report noting that Parties need to look at ways of addressing the issue of lack of financial resources. She also referred to paragraph 35, observing that the Waigani Convention has been around for several years and Parties have	<i>No action required</i>

<p>experience with other international instruments, therefore Parties should be in a better position now to submit reports.</p> <p>22. The Secretariat advised that lack of resources and reporting mechanisms are related. There is no strong funding instrument for the Waigani Convention, resulting in lack of access to technical expertise and capacity building for countries. Most countries lack the human and technical resources to complete their reports.</p> <p>23. The Chair noted that it is clear there is a need for more resources and action on this activity.</p> <p>24. On Agenda Item 5 of the STAC3 Report with regard to the issue of Competent Authorities and Focal Points for the Waigani Convention, Australia, FSM, Fiji, PNG and Vanuatu undertook to provide updated details for their countries.</p> <p>28. The representative of PNG noted that the WP&B identifies a number of key priorities of the countries. He asked the Secretariat to prioritise these issues to facilitate reporting.</p> <p>29. The representative of Vanuatu recommended that the Secretariat explore mechanisms of sustainable financing, such as reviewing the rates of fees paid by Parties, to ensure there are sufficient funds to carry out the work under the Convention.</p>	<p><i>Updates are outstanding</i></p> <p><i>Prioritised activities included in WP&B. No further action required</i></p> <p><i>No Action</i></p>
<p>Agenda Item 4.2: Report of SC-PRC-2</p>	
<p>32. In response to a comment from Kiribati, the Secretariat advised that the issue of asbestos and e-waste would be addressed now that a Waste Management Adviser was on board.</p> <p>33. Responding to a query from the representative of Fiji, the Secretariat advised that the Waigani Convention only deals with transboundary movement of hazardous waste and that hazardous waste from landbased mining would need to be dealt with nationally. The Secretariat added that the Noumea Convention covers waste disposal at sea and that land disposal can be addressed by the Secretariat.</p> <p>34. The representative of Tuvalu supported the idea of integrating the Business Plan into national plans but noted the need for capacity building to encourage governments to make this integration happen. He requested Secretariat assistance on this. The Secretariat advised that this could be included in the Waigani Convention work programme.</p> <p><i>Proposal by Tsinghua University</i></p> <p>45. The SPREP Director identified the need for more information noting that this centre would need to bring additional benefits for the region. As this is a regional centre and not a national one, this decision would need to be made by all Parties to the Basel and Waigani Conventions. The Secretariat would undertake to obtain additional information and work with Parties to produce a clear analysis of the issue.</p>	<p><i>Regional Asbestos and E-waste Strategies have been completed</i></p> <p><i>No further action required</i></p> <p><i>Waigani and Basel Centre business plans have been incorporated into the WMPC Division work programme</i></p> <p><i>To be considered under Agenda Item 10.1</i></p>

46. The Chair noted that the proposal would not replace the existing Pacific Centre which is for the Waigani and Basel Conventions. He acknowledged the need for a cost/benefit analysis but raised the issue of timing, noting that work needed to be done urgently.	
47. The Parties: * ratified the SPCRC2 Report; * requested the Secretariat to obtain further information regarding the proposal by Tsinghua University to host an Asia-Pacific Basel Centre.	
Agenda Item 5: Competent Authorities and Focal Points	
48. This item was discussed under Agenda Item 4.1. Australia, FSM, Fiji, PNG and Vanuatu undertook to provide updated details for their countries.	<i>As stated under agenda 4.1</i>
Agenda Item 6: Reporting and Transmission of information and Illegal traffic	
50. This item was discussed under Agenda Item 4.1. Australia and Vanuatu have provided reports as required by the Waigani Convention and attached as Annex IV. There were no submissions by any Parties relating to reports of illegal traffic.	<i>No action required</i>
Agenda Item 7: Financial statements for 2008 and 2009	
51. Audited financial statements for the 2008 and 2009 years were tabled for consideration by the meeting. The majority of expenditure for the two years was used to support meeting costs for the STAC and for technical advisory support.	<i>No action required</i>
Agenda Item 8: Core Budget for the Biennium 2011-2012	
53. The core budget for the 2011-2012 biennium was tabled for consideration by the meeting. The Secretariat provided an update on country contributions up to July 2010 which included contributions from New Zealand and FSM and advised that the majority of the proposed expenditure for 2011-2012 related to operation of the Waigani COP6, STAC4, and SCPRC3 in 2012. The meeting noted that the contributions statement and budget would be edited to address the omission of Vanuatu.	<i>No further action required</i>
Agenda Item 9: Business Plan for the PRC	
55. The Business Plan was discussed under agenda item 4.2.	<i>No action required</i>
Agenda Item 10: Other business	
57. In response to a question from Solomon Islands, the Chair advised that travel arrangements for country participation in STAC4 and SCPRC3 should be organised directly with the Secretariat.	<i>No action required</i>
Agenda Item 11: Date and Venue of the Next Meeting	
58. The Secretariat advised that the next meeting of the COP would be held in association with the 2012 SPREP meeting which was proposed to be held in New Caledonia in September 2012.	<i>The next COP will be held in Noumea, New Caledonia on 31st August 2012</i>
Agenda Item 12: Adoption of the Conference Record	
59. The Parties adopted the Meeting record.	<i>No action required</i>