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Sixth Meeting of The Waigani Convention

Sixth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement and the Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region (Waigani Convention)

Noumea, New Caledonia
31st August 2012

Agenda Item 11:   BCRC (Beijing) Co-operative arrangements

Purpose

1.   To present the details of future co-operative arrangements with the Basel Convention Coordinating Centre for Asia and the Pacific.

Background

2.   The Secretariat informed the COP5 (2010) meeting that BCRC (Beijing), China, was seeking to act as the Basel Convention Coordinating Centre for Asia and the Pacific.

3.   The COP requested that the Secretariat obtain further information regarding the proposal by the BCRC (Beijing) to host an Asia-Pacific Basel Centre and to report back to the COP.

4.   Following a visit by the SPREP Director General to BCRC (Beijing) at Tsinghua University in March 2012 and in consultation with the Basel Secretariat, agreement was reached on the following items which will be formalised through an MOU following COP6:

- That BCRC (Beijing) retains the title of *Basel Convention Coordinating Centre for Asia and the Pacific (BCRC China);*
- That SPREP retains the title of *The Pacific Regional Centre for the Joint Implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions (PRC);*
- The two centres would strive to ensure joint attendance at annual meetings;
- The two centres would explore options for joint implementation of projects;
- The two centres will collaborate on joint release of information through a newsletter; and
- Training in hazardous waste management will be offered to Pacific Basel Parties and SPREP through sponsored internships offered at the BCRC (Beijing), commencing in 2013.

Recommendations

5.   The Meeting is invited:

➢ to **note** the cooperative arrangements proposed by SPREP and the BCRC (Beijing) that will benefit the Pacific and Asia Regions.

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