



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 4: Presentation of Report by the Secretariat of work undertaken since the Fifth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Purpose

1. To present for noting by the Meeting the Report of Work Undertaken by the Secretariat since the Fifth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, 2010.

(Normally the SCPRC and STAC Reports would be submitted for noting)

Background

Cancelled Fourth Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC4)

2. At its first meeting, the Conference of Parties to the Waigani Convention (COP1) decided to establish a Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) to meet as necessary subject to available resources.

3. The first meeting of the STAC was held in 2004, the second in 2008, and the third in July 2010.

4. Insufficient interest from Members resulted in the cancellation of the fourth Meeting (STAC4) in July 2012.

Cancelled Third Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Pacific Regional Center (SCPRC3)

5. The Pacific Regional Centre was established by way of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2003 between the Secretariats of the Waigani and Basel Conventions on behalf of their respective Parties.

6. Article VII of the MOU provides for the establishment of a Steering Committee to advise on the development and implementation of the activities of the Centre and to enhance national support to its work form countries served by the Centre.
7. The first meeting of the SCPRC was held in 2008, and the second in 2010.
8. Insufficient interest from Members resulted in the cancellation of the third Meeting (SCPRC3) in July 2012.

Recommendation

9. The Meeting is invited:
 - to **note** the work undertaken since the Fifth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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