



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 8: Future Arrangements for the SCPRC and the STAC

Purpose

1. To allow the meeting to consider the future of the SCPRC and the STAC

Background

2. Under Article VII.2 of the Memorandum of Understanding establishing the PRC, 2003, between the Secretariat of the Basel Convention and SPREP, on behalf of its Members, the Steering Committee of the PRC is responsible for developing a Business Plan for the Centre to guide its activities.
3. Under the Terms of Reference of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee of the Waigani Convention, The Conference of the Parties shall determine the matters to be considered by the STAC which will fulfil such tasks and report to the next Conference of the Parties.
4. A quorum has been unable to be obtained for either the STAC or the SCPRC since 2008.
5. Three options are available to Members into the future:
 - i). To reaffirm their full support for the STAC and SCPRC and ensure that all their duties and obligations under these arrangements are fully discharged in the future; or
 - ii). To reaffirm their support for the STAC and SCPRC, but to support organisation of business through electronic communication only. A lack of response on any issue will be regarded as acceptance of the majority view; or
 - iii). To rely on the WMPC Division of SPREP to take over these roles as part of its annual work programme.

Recommendation

6. The Meeting is invited:
 - to **consider** and **approve** a future option for the STAC and SCPRC.