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Twenty Fifth SPREP Meeting of Officials

Majuro, Marshall Islands
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Agenda Item 7.1 : Report on Members' Contributions

Purpose of Paper

1. To report to the Meeting on the receipt of Members' contributions.

Background

2. Financial Regulation 14 requires the Director to submit to each SPREP Meeting a report on the receipt of Members' contributions. This report provides an update on the status of Members' contributions received in 2014 (up to 31st July) as well as sharing the status of members' contributions as at the end of 2013. A verbal update on any Member contributions received after 31 July will be provided to the 2014 SPREP Meeting.

Members' Contributions received in 2013 and 2014 (to 31 July 2014)

3. Attached for Members' information is a statement which shows the amounts due from respective Members as at 31 July 2014. As the table indicate, a total of USD\$1,213,338 was received by the Secretariat in 2013 leaving a balance USD\$389,393 of unpaid contributions as at 31 December 2013.
4. The total unpaid contributions as at 31 July 2014 is USD\$717,839 made up of USD\$388,551 unpaid for the 2013 year and prior years, and USD\$329,288 for 2014.
5. Contributions due for 2014 are \$1,069,774 and as of 31st July, the Secretariat has received US\$741,324 in respect of the 2014 contributions, and prior years unpaid contributions.
6. The Secretariat has made a considerable effort in 2013/2014 to encourage Members to pay their contributions, including through numerous reminder letters sent from the Director General to Member Focal Points, and also through follow up with senior officials when the DG visits member countries and territories.
7. It is noted that previous SPREP Meetings have discussed and agreed a re-payment schedule for Nauru regarding outstanding membership contributions.

Outstanding Contributions

8. Other than Members with small adjusting balances, the following are Member countries with outstanding contributions as at 31 July 2014 for both 2014 and prior years contributions:

Member Country	2013 and prior years unpaid contributions	2014 contributions payable	Payments to 31-July-14	Balance as at 31-July-14
American Samoa		10,184		10,184
Federated State of Micronesia		10,184		10,184
Guam	101,800	20,360		122,160
Marshall Islands		10,184		10,184
Nauru	178,997	10,184		189,181
Nth Marianas	118,585	10,184		128,769
Palau	13,496	10,184		23,670
Solomon Islands	30	20,360		20,390
Tonga	10,184	10,184		20,368
USA	(71,278)	186,787		115,509
Vanuatu	49,975	20,360	(19,629)	50,706
Wallis & Futuna Islands	7,032	10,184		17,216

Recommendation

9. The Meeting is invited to:

- **consider** the report and **address** the problem of unpaid member contributions; and
- **commit** itself collectively and individually to paying current and outstanding contributions in full in 2014