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## **Ninth 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)**

Apia, Samoa  
 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### **Agenda item 4.1: STAC-6 Report**

#### **Purpose:**

1. To adopt the draft report of the sixth Waigani Convention Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC-6) meeting.

#### **Background:**

2. In its Decision WC1/5, the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties, established the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) as a subsidiary body to the Conference to meet as necessary to consider practicalities of implementation, legal and technical issues as mandated by the Conference of the Parties subject to the availability of funds.
3. The Conference requested the Secretariat to develop a TOR for the STAC which was considered and approved in its Decision WC/2/I, thus formalising the working group. The meetings of the STAC are held inter-sessionally between COP meetings and as required, the meeting reports are to be presented to the COP meeting for formal adoption.
4. The STAC has met a total of 6 times as shown in the table below:

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Venue</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee 2004	Samoa
2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee 2008	Samoa
3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee 2010	Samoa
4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee 2014	Samoa
5 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee 2015	Samoa
6 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee 2017	Tonga

#### **Recommendation**

5. The Meeting is invited to:
  - **adopt** the draft report of the sixth Waigani Convention Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC-6) meeting report