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Twenty Fifth SPREP Meeting of Officials

Majuro, Marshall Islands
30 September – 2 October 2014

Agenda Item 2: Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

Purpose of Paper

1. The “*Rules of Procedure of the SPREP Meeting*” (Rules 8.1 and 8.2), provides that where the Meeting is hosted by the Secretariat, the Chair shall rotate alphabetically, and where the Meeting is not hosted by the Secretariat, the Chair shall be provided by the host country.
2. Accordingly, the **Chair** of the Twenty-Fifth SPREP Meeting shall be **Marshall Islands**, the host country.

Background

3. Rule 8.3 also provide that the Vice-Chair shall rotate alphabetically whether or not the Meeting is hosted by the Secretariat. The Vice-Chair of the Twenty-Fourth SPREP Meeting was **American Samoa**. Under the principle of alphabetical rotation, therefore, **Australia** should be appointed **Vice-Chair** of the Twenty-Fifth SPREP Meeting.

Recommendation

4. The Meeting is invited to:
 - **confirm** the Representative of **Marshall Islands** as **Chair**; and
 - **confirm** the Representative of **Australia** as **Vice-Chair**.