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Twenty Fifth SPREP Meeting of Officials

Majuro, Marshall Islands
 30 September – 2 October 2014

Agenda Item 6.3: Reviews of SPREP (Second Independent Corporate Review and the Mid-Term Review of the SPREP Strategic Plan)

Purpose of the Paper

1. The purpose of the paper is to present for the consideration of Members the Independent Reviews on the (i) Second Independent Corporate Review of SPREP (ICR) and the (ii) Mid-Term Review of the SPREP Strategic Plan 2011 -2015.

Background

2. The 24th SPREP Meeting:

- **approved** the implementation of the combined 2nd Independent Corporate Review of SPREP and the mid-term review of the SPREP 2011 - 2015 Strategic Plan in 2014;
- **approved** the amended proposed scope of the reviews;
- **directed** the Secretariat to ensure the reviews are considered by the 2014 SPREP Meeting; and
- **agreed** that the budget of USD200,000 for the review be sourced from the core budget, given that these activities are core business of SPREP.

3. In December 2013 SPREP called for Expressions of Interest for consultant teams to undertake the Reviews. An independent review team was selected with the approved terms of reference¹ which reflected membership from one Metropolitan and each of the three sub-regions of Melanesia, Polynesia and Micronesia. The team leader was also part of the first Independent Corporate Review conducted in 2008.

4. The 2014 SPREP Reviews broadly assessed the Secretariat's performance over the last five years against stated objectives in the SPREP Strategic Plan 2011-2015, and reviewed progress in its implementation. It also reviewed progress in implementing the Strategic Plan and assessed the relevance of its priorities and targets. The outcomes shall help guide the ongoing implementation of the plan to 2015 and inform the formulation of the next Strategic Plan.

¹ John E. Hay, Teresa Manarangi-Trott, William Kostka, Sivia Qoro

5. The reviews were guided by a reference group of Members and undertaken in a fully consultative manner with SPREP Members, partners, donors and staff, through an open and transparent process of consultation. The reference group consisted of Members with diplomatic missions based in Samoa of Australia, New Zealand, Tokelau, the United States, and Samoa as the host country of the Secretariat. The SPREP Troika was also included in the Reference Group with Members comprising Nauru, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and New Caledonia.

6. A Planning Meeting between the Secretariat, the Independent Review Team and the Reference Group was held at the SPREP Headquarters on April 28 to 2 May, 2014. This was followed by the first regional consultation workshop with SPREP Members in Nadi from 12 to 14 May. The second consultation meetings were held at the SPREP Headquarters with the Independent Review Team, the Secretariat and the Reference Group, including the Troika from 9 to 11 July.

7. The two reports from the Independent Review Team are attached. The response from the Secretariat on the IRT reports is also attached. These documents were also circulated to all SPREP Members and partners in August, 2014 under Circular#14/78. Due to the volume of the IRT reports, particularly the ICR Report the annexes are not included in the meeting papers. The full reports with annexes may be accessed from the SPREP website www.sprep.org.

Recommendations

8. The meeting is invited to:

- **consider** the Second Independent Corporate Review Report and the recommendations; and
- **consider** the Mid-Term Review of the SPREP Strategic Plan 2011 to 2015 Report and recommendations.

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