



## 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  
31<sup>st</sup> August 2012

### Agenda Item 2: Organisation of the Meeting

#### Purpose

1. To explain the procedure for the conduct of the Meeting and to elect officers.

#### Background

2. The Rules of Procedure of the Waigani Convention apply.
3. Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedures states that at the commencement of the first session of each ordinary meeting, a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson and a Rapporteur are to be elected from among the representatives of the Parties by a simple majority vote. These officers will constitute the bureau of the conference. The rapporteur function has traditionally been provided by the Secretariat.
4. There are 13 Parties to the Convention: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

Previous Chairs and Vice-Chairs:

Meeting	Chair	Vice-Chair
1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties 2002	New Zealand	Samoa
2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties 2004	Tonga	Niue
3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties 2006	Niue	Kiribati
4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties 2008	PNG	Tonga
5 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties 2010	Samoa	Vanuatu

5. English is the working language of the meeting and the working documents are in English. The Meeting will be conducted in plenary but Working Groups may be established as needed to consider specific issues.

**Recommendation**

6. The Parties are invited to:

- to **elect** a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteur.
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10 July 2012