

Twelfth 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)

1st September 2023, Apia, Samoa

Agenda item 7.2: Implementation of the Review recommendations

Purpose of paper

1. To present the work plan of the implementation of the 2021 review of the Waigani Convention

Background

2. At its tenth meeting in 2019, the Conference of the Parties directed SPREP to undertake an evaluation of the Waigani Convention again as it was not satisfied with the initial evaluation of 2017.
3. The eleventh meeting in 2021 accepted the review report and agreed that the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) initiate inter-sessional work, facilitated by the Secretariat to:
 - implement those recommendations that can be progressed on a “no regrets” basis
 - undertake further analysis for recommendations with major strategic implications, including whether to enhance Waigani Convention implementation, or suspend the Waigani Convention
 - prepare an action plan to deliver on the final recommendations, to be presented at the next STAC meeting, in February 2023
4. The ninth meeting of the STAC (STAC-9), held in February 2023, deliberated on a draft work plan that was prepared by the Secretariat as directed by COP-11.
5. Parties requested for additional time to review and provide input to the draft workplan, that has been finalized by the Secretariat.

Recommendation

6. The Parties are invited to:
 - **endorse** the draft workplan for implementation by the Secretariat, Parties and other subsidiary bodies established by the Convention.

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