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TO: SPREP National Focal Points CROP Organisations SPREP Partner Organisations

Subject: 16th Meeting of the Noumea Convention and 11th Meeting of the Waigani Convention, 2nd & 3rd September, 2021

Dear Focal Points,

I am pleased to advise that the 16th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Natural Resources and Environment of the South Pacific Region and related protocols (**Noumea Convention**), and the 11th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting 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**), will be held prior to the 30th SPREP Meeting as follows:

- <u>Thursday, 2nd September 2021 from 12noon 5.00pm</u> Noumea Convention
- <u>Friday, 3rd September 2021 from 12noon 5.00pm</u> Waigani Convention

Due to uncertainty of health and travel restrictions associated with COVID-19, the meetings will be held virtually. The agendas for both meetings will be shared in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Kosi Latu Director General

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