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To: **SPREP National Focal Points**

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Waigani Convention Competent Authorities and Focal Points

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SUBJECT: TENTH MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (STAC 10) OF THE WAIGANI CONVENTION– SAVE THE DATE

Dear Esteemed Competent Authorities and Focal Points,

We trust this communication finds you in good health and high spirits. We are reaching out to update you on a significant forthcoming event related to our ongoing efforts in hazardous waste management under the auspices of the Waigani Convention.

We are pleased to announce that the Tenth Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC 10) is scheduled from July 22nd to 24th, 2024, in Suva, Fiji. This decision was made after a constructive discussion involving the current STAC Chair from the Cook Islands, the Vice Chair from the Federated States of Micronesia, along with representatives from Australia, New Zealand, and the Secretariat. The specific venue details are being finalized, and we will share these with you as soon as they are confirmed. We encourage you to reserve these dates on your calendars to guarantee your attendance.

STAC 10 is set to be a crucial platform for bolstering our joint efforts to achieve the Waigani Convention's objectives. The agenda is particularly noteworthy as it seeks to action the COP 12 outcomes based on the recommendations from the 2021 review of the convention. This event is poised to facilitate a rich exchange of knowledge, enable focused deliberations on scientific and technical issues, and strengthen our collective resolve to protect the Pacific from the detrimental effects of hazardous wastes.

Details regarding the agenda and registration process will be distributed in due course. We encourage all members to begin making the necessary arrangements to ensure their attendance. Your participation is vital to the success of STAC 10, as it will be through our shared insights and expertise that we can effectively implement the outcomes of COP 12 and continue our progress towards our shared environmental goals.

We look forward to your active participation and to collaborating with you at STAC 10. Should you have any preliminary inquiries or require further assistance in the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Secretariat through joshuas@sprep.org.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the Waigani Convention and the protection of our region's environment. Let us work together towards a successful STAC 10 meeting.

Yours sincerely,



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