



SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

Twentieth SPREP Meeting

Apia, Samoa

17 – 20 November 2009

**Agenda Item 7.1 : Report on Members' Contributions****Purpose of Paper**

1. To report to the Meeting on the receipt of Members' contributions.

Background

2. Financial Regulation 14 requires the Director to submit to each SPREP Meeting a report on the receipt of Members' contributions. This report provides an update on the status of Members' contributions received in 2009 (up to 31 August) as well as sharing the status of members' contributions as at the end of 2008.

Members' Contributions received in 2008 and 2009 (to 31 August 2009)

3. Attached for members' information is a statement, which shows the amounts due from respective members as at 31 August 2009. As the table indicate, a total of USD\$947,510 was received by the Secretariat in 2008 leaving a balance USD\$387,610 of unpaid contribution as at 31 December 2008.
4. The total contributions outstanding as at 31 August 2009 is USD\$781,124, made up of USD\$335,370 unpaid for the 2008 year and prior years, and USD\$445,754 for 2009.
5. Contributions due for 2009, is \$1,145,572 which include the approved voluntary member contributions of \$212,000 for the year 2009 only, to make up the shortfall in the core resource base of the 2009 budget. As of 31 August, the Secretariat has received US\$754,058 in respect of the 2009 base and voluntary contribution, and prior years unpaid contributions.

Outstanding Contributions:

6. Other than members with small adjusting balances, the following member countries are in arrears as at 31 August 2009 for both 2009 and prior years contributions:

Member Country	2008 and prior year liabilities	2009 contributions payable including voluntary contributions	Payments to 31-Aug-09	Balance as at 31-Aug-09
American Samoa	274	12,492	(9,574)	3,193
Cook Islands	0	12,492		12,492
FSM	11,006	12,492	(10,910)	12,588
Fiji	30,388	24,974		55,362
Guam	0	24,974		24,974
Marshall Islands	10,184	12,492		22,676
Nauru	158,603	12,492		171,095
Niue	20,389	12,492	(10,437)	22,444
Nth Marianas	67,665	12,492		80,157
Palau	20,368	12,492		32,860
Papua New Guinea	20,011	24,974		44,985
Samoa	0	24,974		24,974
Tonga	0	12,492		12,492
USA	(9,852)	229,112		219,260
Vanuatu	20,360	24,974		45,334

Recommendation

7. The Meeting is invited to:

- **consider** the report and **address** the substantial arrears problem relating to member contributions; and
- **commit** itself collectively and individually to paying current contributions and arrears in full in 2009.