



SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

Fifth 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)

Madang, Papua New Guinea

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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. Copies may be obtained from <http://www.sprep.org/legal/regional.htm>.
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, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Samoa and Vanuatu.

Previous Chairs and Vice-Chairs:

Meeting	Chair	Vice-Chair
1 st Meeting of the Conference of the Parties 2002	New Zealand	Samoa
2 nd Meeting of the Conference of the Parties 2004	Tonga	Niue
3 rd Meeting of the Conference of the Parties 2006	Niue	Kiribati
4 th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties 2008	Papua New Guinea	Tonga

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:
 - **elect** a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteur.