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Agenda Item 1: Official Opening

1. 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) met for their Fifth Meeting in Madang, Papua New Guinea, on 3 September 2010.

2. The 13 Parties to the Waigani Convention are: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Fiji, Kiribati, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea (PNG), Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. All Parties except New Zealand and Tonga were represented. Nauru attended as Party to the Basel Convention.

A list of participants is contained in Annex 1.

3. The Meeting commenced with a prayer by the representative of Fiji, Mr Jope Davetanivalu.

4. The Director of SPREP, Mr David Sheppard, welcomed the representatives and stressed the need to better safeguard human and environmental health through appropriate management of chemicals. He highlighted the Secretariat's aim to strengthen partnership with the Basel Convention and with other partners such as the International Labour Organization, adding that rationalising of work plans and budgets of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions is a significant move forward in terms of strengthening partnerships and reducing reporting requirements. The Director also introduced SPREP's new Pollution Prevention and Waste Management Adviser, Dr David Haynes.

The Director's address is contained in Annex II.

Agenda Item 2: Organisation of Meeting

5. The current Chair, Ms Kay Kalim, of PNG, provided an overview of the Rules of Procedure of the Waigani Convention. The Rules of Procedure are available at www.sprep.org/legal/regional/htm.

6. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the Parties:

- **elected** Mr Taule'ale'ausumai La'avasa Malua of Samoa as Chair, Mr Albert Williams of Vanuatu as Vice-Chair and Mr Jonathan Mitchell of Australia as rapporteur.

Agenda Item 3: Adoption of the Agenda

7. The proposed agenda was adopted and is contained in Annex III.

Agenda Item 4: Presentation of Reports by the Secretariat of work undertaken since the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties

8. The Secretariat presented its report on work undertaken since the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, 2008.

9. The reports of the Third Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC3) of the Waigani Convention and of the Second Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Pacific Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the joint implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions (SCPRC2) were tabled and discussed separately (Agenda Items 4.1 and 4.2).

10. The Secretariat advised that neither meeting had a full quorum, which meant the reports could not be formalised. This Meeting, which does have a full quorum, was therefore requested to review the reports for adoption.

11. It was noted that Nauru and the Republic of the Marshall Islands are not Parties to the Waigani Convention but are Parties to the Basel Convention.

Agenda Item 4.1 – STAC3 Report

12. The Secretariat presented the report of STAC3 and advised that several items are also included in the COP agenda.

13. On paragraph 19 of the report, regarding the issue of waste oil transported from the Cook Islands to Fiji, the representative of the Cook Islands advised that this was conducted through an agreement between the supplier and the buyer with advice to the Government of the Cook Islands.

14. The Secretariat clarified that membership to the STAC is open to all 13 Parties. A quorum constitutes two-thirds of the members.

15. Responding to a question from PNG regarding the withdrawal of SPREP's nomination as the Regional Centre for the Stockholm Convention, the Secretariat advised that it had been advised that SPREP did not meet the requirements for a Stockholm Centre, which needs to be more of a technical and research centre (as opposed to a Basel Centre, which is mainly administrative in nature). The Secretariat also advised that much work has now gone into synergising the Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions and that the Secretariat would work with Parties on progressing this work further. Fiji stated that

it has a SAICM (Strategic Approach to International Chemical Management) focal point and requested assistance from the Secretariat.

16. The Chair clarified that the main focus of the Waigani Convention is the Basel Convention and that the Stockholm Convention has a different focus.

17. The representative of Vanuatu advised that Vanuatu has recently appointed a SAICM national focal point and requested assistance from the Secretariat with reviewing a recent proposal for submission to the SAICM secretariat that is due by 15 September 2010.

18. The representative of Solomon Islands and Tuvalu also requested assistance from the Secretariat in accessing funds under the SAICM.

19. In response to questions from Fiji and FSM, the Secretariat advised that any Party requesting assistance from the SAICM must have a focal point established and formally recognised and registered with the SAICM Secretariat. The SAICM is not a legally binding instrument. SAICM is a mechanism that helps developing countries access resources to help manage chemicals in their countries through technical or financial assistance. An application form and guidelines for nominating focal points are downloadable from the SAICM website, at www.saicm.org/documents/focalpoints.htm.

20. Responding to a query from Fiji on the status of work on management of used oil in the Pacific, the Secretariat advised that little has progressed due to the challenge of lack of personnel. A funding agreement has been developed with the French Development Agency (AFD), a tender has been called for and a final outcome is yet to be determined.

21. The representative of Samoa drew attention to paragraph 16 of the report noting that Parties need to look at ways of addressing the issue of lack of financial resources. She also referred to paragraph 35, observing that the Waigani Convention has been around for several years and Parties have experience with other international instruments, therefore Parties should be in a better position now to submit reports.

22. The Secretariat advised that lack of resources and reporting mechanisms are related. There is no strong funding instrument for the Waigani Convention, resulting in lack of access to technical expertise and capacity building for countries. Most countries lack the human and technical resources to complete their reports.

23. The Chair noted that it is clear there is a need for more resources and action on this activity.

24. On Agenda Item 5 of the STAC3 Report with regard to the issue of Competent Authorities and Focal Points for the Waigani Convention, Australia, FSM, Fiji, PNG and Vanuatu undertook to provide updated details for their countries.

25. On Agenda Item 6 of the STAC3 Report, the Secretariat advised that since the STAC3, Australia and Vanuatu had provided their reports on reporting and transmission of information.

26. On Agenda Item 7 of the STAC3 Report, referring to illegal traffic, the Secretariat advised that there had been no reports of this nature to date, however since STAC3, reports had been received from Australia and Vanuatu. Responding to a question by FSM, the Secretariat clarified that the Waigani Convention is activated when there is transport of hazardous material across national borders. Transport

of hazardous material between states or provinces within a nation would be dealt with under national legislation. The representative added that where movement between states involves crossing an international border, transit arrangements should be made.

27. On Agenda Item 8 of the STAC3 Report, relating to the Work Programme and Budget, 2011-2012, the Chair advised that the WP&B was open for discussion and that other priority activities could be added if the Meeting considered it appropriate. The Secretariat also advised that the WP&B should also be read in conjunction with the Waste Management and Pollution Prevention work area of the Secretariat and that additional activities could be included there.

28. The representative of PNG noted that the WP&B identifies a number of key priorities of the countries. He asked the Secretariat to prioritise these issues to facilitate reporting.

29. The representative of Vanuatu recommended that the Secretariat explore mechanisms of sustainable financing, such as reviewing the rates of fees paid by Parties, to ensure there are sufficient funds to carry out the work under the Convention.

30. The Parties:

- **ratified** the STAC3 Report, urging the Secretariat to address the recommendations made during the discussions.

Agenda Item 4.2 – SCPRC2 Report

Business Plan

31. The Secretariat presented the report of the SCPRC2 and drew attention of the Meeting to agenda item 6 on the Business Plan for the Pacific Regional Centre for the Waigani Convention.

32. In response to a comment from Kiribati, the Secretariat advised that the issue of asbestos and e-waste would be addressed now that a Waste Management Adviser was on board.

33. Responding to a query from the representative of Fiji, the Secretariat advised that the Waigani Convention only deals with trans-boundary movement of hazardous waste and that hazardous waste from land-based mining would need to be dealt with nationally. The Secretariat added that the Noumea Convention covers waste disposal at sea and that land disposal can be addressed by the Secretariat.

34. The representative of Tuvalu supported the idea of integrating the Business Plan into national plans but noted the need for capacity building to encourage governments to make this integration happen. He requested Secretariat assistance on this. The Secretariat advised that this could be included in the Waigani Convention work programme.

35. The representative of the Solomon Islands noted that most of the planned activities were consistent with her country's needs and supported the Plan.

Proposal by Tsinghua University

36. The Secretariat informed the meeting that Tsinghua University, China, was seeking to act as the Basel Convention Coordinating Centre for Asia and the Pacific. Samoa has been approached for approval as it hosts SPREP, which is the host of the Pacific Regional Centre. The University proposes to formally table its proposal at the next Basel COP which will be in late 2011.

37. Samoa advised that the proposal by the Tsinghua University is being considered by the Government of Samoa and that

advice is being sought from the Attorney General's office.

38. The representative of Cook Islands observed that SPREP had been established to be the eyes and ears for this type of activity and that the Pacific Regional Centre is recognised by the Cook Islands as the Secretariat for the Basel Convention for the Pacific. He did not agree with the proposal to base the Centre in China and stated that there was a need to provide more information on what it means.

39. The representative of FSM questioned what the Pacific currently has in terms of a coordinating mechanism for the Basel Convention and whether agreeing to the China-based university as a coordinating centre would add value to implementing the Basel Convention in the Pacific region. He noted that there was currently not enough information to make a decision. He suggested that an analysis would be needed to determine the costs and benefits to the region. He also stressed that consideration be given to identifying an organisation in the Pacific to take on this role as this would be more appropriate than having all the centres in Asia.

40. The representative of Tuvalu agreed with the comments by Cook Islands and FSM regarding the need for more information and on regional reliance on SPREP. He felt that China was geographically too far removed from the Pacific to act as a suitable regional centre. He noted the need to be cautious on this matter and raised the issue that he would need to discuss this further with his government.

41. The representative of Vanuatu echoed earlier statements and stressed that opportunities within the region should be explored. He suggested that it might be more efficacious to look at developing the

capacity of the Secretariat to be a Centre for the Basel Convention. He suggested the Secretariat prepare a working paper to help look at this issue in more detail.

42. The representative of PNG agreed with earlier comments, in particular, regarding a working paper analysing the situation. He noted that the China-based university would obviously have readily available expertise but that there may be potential for collaboration with Pacific-based organisations. He requested that the Secretariat formally seek the views of Parties on this issue.

43. The representative of Samoa noted that this was a political issue which would need commitment of the leaders. She suggested that should the leaders commit to this, that a Pacific desk be established at the coordinating centre, preferably someone from SPREP. She referred to paragraph 8 of the SCPRC2 report observing that this gives merit to the proposal for this university to host the Centre. She stressed that hosting a centre in the Pacific region would require that the Parties “step-up” in terms of their financial commitments.

44. The representative of Fiji raised the issue of language as a barrier to a centre being hosted in China and asked that Parties be allowed to contribute to the Terms of Reference for a cost/benefit analysis, raising also the issue of funds required to make this happen. He also raised concern that linking the Pacific to China in this manner may weaken the Pacific attempts to showcase itself as a unique region at the global level.

45. The SPREP Director identified the need for more information noting that this centre would need to bring additional benefits for the region. As this is a regional centre and not a national one, this decision would need to be made by all Parties to the

Basel and Waigani Conventions. The Secretariat would undertake to obtain additional information and work with Parties to produce a clear analysis of the issue.

46. The Chair noted that the proposal would not replace the existing Pacific Centre which is for the Waigani and Basel Conventions. He acknowledged the need for a cost/benefit analysis but raised the issue of timing, noting that work needed to be done urgently.

47. The Parties:

- **ratified** the SPCRC2 Report;
- **requested** the Secretariat to obtain further information regarding the proposal by Tsinghua University to host an Asia-Pacific Basel Centre.

Agenda Item 5: Competent Authorities and Focal Points

48. This item was discussed under Agenda Item 4.1. Australia, FSM, Fiji, PNG and Vanuatu undertook to provide updated details for their countries.

49. The Meeting:

- **reviewed** the list and agreed to inform the Secretariat of changes.

Agenda Item 6: Reporting and Transmission of Information and Illegal Traffic

50. This item was discussed under Agenda Item 4.1. Australia and Vanuatu have provided reports as required by the Waigani Convention and attached as Annex IV. There were no submissions by any Parties relating to reports of illegal traffic.

Agenda Item 7: Financial Statements for 2008 and 2009

51. Audited financial statements for the 2008 and 2009 years were tabled for consideration by the meeting. The majority of expenditure for the two years was used to support meeting costs for the STAC and for technical advisory support.

52. The Parties:
- **adopted** the financial records for 2008 and 2009.

Agenda Item 8: Consideration and adoption of core budget for the biennium 2011-2012

53. The core budget for the 2011-2012 biennium was tabled for consideration by the meeting. The Secretariat provided an update on country contributions up to July 2010 which included contributions from New Zealand and FSM and advised that the majority of the proposed expenditure for 2011-2012 related to operation of the Waigani COP6, STAC4, and SCPRC3 in 2012. The meeting noted that the contributions statement and budget would be edited to address the omission of Vanuatu.

54. The Parties:
- **approved** the amended budget and contributions for 2011 and 2012; and
 - **committed** to meet promptly all outstanding payments.

The budget is contained in Annex V.

Agenda Item 9: Consideration and adoption of the Business Plan for the Pacific Regional Centre (PRC)

55. The Business Plan was discussed under agenda item 4.2.

56. The Parties:
- **adopted** the Business Plan for the Pacific Regional Centre (PCR).

The business plan is contained in Annex VI.

Agenda Item 10: Other business

57. In response to a question from Solomon Islands, the Chair advised that travel arrangements for country participation in STAC4 and SCPRC3 should be organised directly with the Secretariat.

Agenda Item 11: Date and Venue of the next Meeting

58. The Secretariat advised that the next meeting of the COP would be held in association with the 2012 SPREP meeting which was proposed to be held in New Caledonia in September 2012.

Agenda Item 12: Adoption of the COP5 Meeting Record

59. The Parties **adopted** the Meeting record.

Agenda Item 13: Closure of the Meeting

60. The Director of SPREP thanked the representatives and committed the Secretariat to following up on the various activities discussed during the meeting. The Chair thanked the representatives for a successful meeting and declared the COP5 closed.

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Distinguished Representatives of
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Distinguished Observers
Ladies and Gentlemen

Welcome to the 5th meeting of the
Conference of the Parties to the Waigani
Convention.

Although our region is feeling the effects of
the downturn in world economic activity,
our countries still continue to rely on
chemicals - none more so than our host
PNG, the region's biggest and most
populous country.

From mega-projects to everyday household
activities, chemicals have become firmly
established in our daily routines and new
chemicals continue to be created.

Our work with chemicals must keep pace
with these developments to better
safeguard human health and the Pacific
environment.

We need to focus on all aspects of the
chemical cycle, including their generation,
transport, use and disposal.

I am pleased to advise that SPREP is
strengthening its work in this area,
particularly through the appointment of
David Haynes as the new Pollution
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We look forward to consolidating and
strengthening our support of Member
countries in this critical area over the next
biennium.

We aim to strengthen our partnership with
others to better support country efforts to
better manage and dispose of chemicals. In
particular we are enhancing our links with
our "parent Convention", the Basel
Convention. We are also working with other
non-traditional partners such as the
International Labor Organisation (ILO) in
relation to health and safety aspects of
working with hazardous waste

We are pleased to note global efforts to
strengthen cooperation on the
management of chemicals.

The UNEP Governing Council meeting in Bali
in February, made a significant decision to
rationalize the work plans and budgets of
the Secretariats of the 3 chemical
conventions (the Basel, Rotterdam and
Stockholm conventions).

This will ensure the better management of
chemicals, as well as reducing reporting and
administrative burdens on States Parties.

I am sure you would all welcome these
developments which will result in better
and more cost effective implementation of
these 3 conventions, as well as our own
Waigani Convention.

SPREP will continue to monitor the
situation, report progress and look at ways
that these global developments can help
Pacific countries.

Since the last Waigani COP we have had a
meeting of the Scientific and Technical
Advisory Committee, as well as a meeting of
the Steering Committee of the Pacific
Regional Centre. The proceedings of these 2
meetings are included in the Working
Papers and we welcome your comments.

The Steering Committee proceedings note the proposal of the Tsinghua University in China, one of the 4 Regional Centres for Asia-Pacific, to bring the Pacific Regional Waigani/Basel Centre under its auspices, along with the two other Asian Regional Centres - which are located in Iran and Indonesia.

There may well be opportunities and additional funding made available that will enable more activities to be implemented under the Waigani/Basel Centre, particularly in relation to capacity building for Pacific Parties.

However, the benefits and costs of such a proposal need to be carefully considered and we would welcome your views on this matter.

I wish you all every success in your meeting.

Thank you.

ANNEX III: AGENDA

- Agenda Item 1:** Opening of the Meeting
- Agenda Item 2:** Organisation of the Meeting
Rules of Procedure
Election of Officers
Organisation of Work
- Agenda Item 3:** Adoption of the agenda
- Agenda Item 4:** Presentation of Reports by the Secretariat of work undertaken
- 4.1** STAC3
4.2 SCPRC2
- Agenda Item 5:** Competent Authorities and Focal Points
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- Agenda Item 6:** Reporting and Transmission of Information and Illegal Traffic
- Agenda Item 7:** Financial statements 2008 and 2009
- 7.1** Director's statement
7.2 Auditor's report 2008
7.3 Income & Expenditure 2008
7.4 Auditor's report 2009
7.5 Income & Expenditure 2009
- Agenda Item 8:** Consideration and adoption of core budget for the biennium 2011-2012
- 8.1** Core Budget
8.2 Status of Contributions
- Agenda Item 9:** Consideration and adoption of the Business Plan for the PRC
- Agenda Item 10:** Other Business
- Agenda Item 11:** Date and venue of the next Meeting
- Agenda Item 12:** Adoption of the Meeting Record
- Agenda Item 13:** Closure of the Meeting

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Annex 8A

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INTRODUCTION

The Parties to the Waigani Convention are required, in accordance with Articles 7 and 14 of the Convention, to inform each other, through the Secretariat of the Waigani Convention, on issues related to the implementation of the Waigani Convention. To facilitate reporting by Parties, under both the Basel and Waigani Conventions, the secretariat has revised and adapted the questionnaire on “Transmission of Information” as developed under the Basel Convention to meet the reporting requirements under the Waigani Convention. The questionnaire consists of two parts, namely:

- Part I: Status of information and;
- Part II: Annual reporting.

All Parties should complete Part I: Status of Information of the questionnaire for a certain calendar year which might only need to be updated for any subsequent year.

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Part I: Status of information covers issues such as designation of Competent Authority and Focal Point; national definition of waste; national definition of hazardous waste; restrictions on transboundary movement of hazardous and radioactive wastes; control procedure of the transboundary movement of waste; reduction and/or elimination of the generation of hazardous wastes; reduction of the amount of hazardous wastes subject to transboundary movement; effect on human health and the environment; bilateral, multilateral or regional agreements or arrangements; disposal and recovery facilities and sources of assistance.

Part II: Annual reporting covers those issues for which reporting is required on an annual basis. For the ease of electronic reporting and processing of the reported data/information, Part II: Annual reporting is divided into two sections namely, Section A and Section B.

Part II: Section A covers issues such as export/import hazardous wastes and radioactive wastes and the generation of hazardous wastes.

Part II: Section B covers issues such as disposals, which did not proceed as intended and accidents occurring during the transboundary movement and disposal of hazardous wastes.

Some of the general guidelines to fill in the questionnaire are:

- Complete the questionnaire in English.
- Ensure that all quantities are in metric tonnes
- Complete the questionnaire by providing information data in the required format
- Provide an electronic version of the completed questionnaire, if possible or handwritten in block letter for legibility.

The questionnaire and the manual are available both in hard copy as well as in electronic version from the Waigani Convention Secretariat

PART I: STATUS OF INFORMATION (for the year 2010)

Note: If there is any update to the pre-filled answer provided in the middle column by your country to this query since the last update, please indicate so on the right column and update all relevant information accordingly!

| 1 | Competent Authority and Focal Point | Updated? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|--|--|-----------------|--------|----------|----------|---|------|--------------|------|--------------|---------|--|--------------------|---|--|
| 1a | <p>Is there a designated Competent Authority to the Waigani Convention?</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation </p> <p>If yes, please provide:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Name:</td> <td>Albert Williams</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Title:</td> <td>Director</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Address:</td> <td>Department of Environment and Conservation Private Mail Bag 9063 Port Vila Republic of Vanuatu</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tel:</td> <td>(+678) 25302</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fax:</td> <td>(+678) 22227</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E-mail:</td> <td>albert.williams52@gmail.com</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Official Web site:</td> <td>http://www.mol.gov.vu/home_env.html</td> </tr> </table> | Name: | Albert Williams | Title: | Director | Address: | Department of Environment and Conservation Private Mail Bag 9063 Port Vila Republic of Vanuatu | Tel: | (+678) 25302 | Fax: | (+678) 22227 | E-mail: | albert.williams52@gmail.com | Official Web site: | http://www.mol.gov.vu/home_env.html | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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| 1b | <p>Is there a designated Focal Point to the Waigani Convention?</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation </p> <p>If yes, please provide:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Name:</td> <td>Albert Williams</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Title:</td> <td>Director</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Address:</td> <td>Department of Environment and Conservation Private Mail Bag 9063 Port Vila Republic of Vanuatu</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tel:</td> <td>(+678) 25302</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fax:</td> <td>(+678) 22227</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E-mail:</td> <td>albert.williams52@gmail.com</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Official Web site:</td> <td>http://www.mol.gov.vu/home_env.html</td> </tr> </table> | Name: | Albert Williams | Title: | Director | Address: | Department of Environment and Conservation Private Mail Bag 9063 Port Vila Republic of Vanuatu | Tel: | (+678) 25302 | Fax: | (+678) 22227 | E-mail: | albert.williams52@gmail.com | Official Web site: | http://www.mol.gov.vu/home_env.html | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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| 2 | Wastes Controlled for the Purpose of Transboundary Movement | Updated? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2a | <p>Is there a national definition of <u>waste</u> used for the purpose of transboundary movements of waste?</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation </p> <p>If yes, please provide the text of the national definition of waste (use additional space/attachment, if required):</p> <p>The draft waste and litter control regulation (under the Environmental Management and Conservation Act), and the draft Waste Operations and Services Act both have the same definition of waste:</p> <p>“waste” includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) garbage, household refuse, rubbish, scraps and trade wastes; (b) bulk wastes; and (c) any other matter or thing determined from time to time to be waste in accordance with this Act; | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 2b | <p>Is there a national definition of hazardous waste used for the purpose of transboundary movements of waste?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation</p> <p>If yes, please provide the text of the national definition of hazardous waste (use additional space/attachment, if required):</p> <p>A national definition of hazardous waste is defined within the draft Waste Operations and Services Act:</p> <p>“hazardous waste” includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) any wastes which are, or which have the potential to be, toxic or poisonous, or which may cause injury or damage to human health or the environment, including engine oils or other lubricating oils used in relation to machinery, and oil based paints and any chemical used in relation to paints; (b) any specific substance, object or thing determined under this Act or any law to be a hazardous waste; and (c) any other matter or thing deemed under international conventions applicable to Vanuatu to be hazardous wastes or to have the characteristics of hazardous wastes from time to time; <p>Another definition of hazardous waste defined by the draft Waste and Litter Control Regulation compliments the definition from the draft Waste Operations and Services Act:</p> <p>“hazardous waste” and “hazardous substance” means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) any wastes or substances which are, or which have the potential to be, toxic or poisonous, or which may cause injury or damage to human health or to the environment, including all persistent organic pollutants; (b) any specific substance, object or thing determined under any law to be a hazardous waste or a hazardous substance; and (c) any other matter or thing deemed under international conventions applicable to Vanuatu to be hazardous wastes or hazardous substances, or to have the characteristics of hazardous wastes or substances; | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 2c | <p>Does your country regulate/control any additional wastes as hazardous that are not included in Art. 2 (1)a of the Waigani Convention and would be controlled for the purpose of transboundary movements pursuant to Art. 2 (1)b?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation</p> <p>If yes, please specify those wastes (use additional space/attachment, if required):</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 2d | <p>Are there any wastes other than those identified in above questions 2b and 2c that require special consideration when subjected to transboundary movement?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation</p> <p>If yes, specify (use additional space/attachment, if required):</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 3 | <p>Restrictions on Transboundary Movement Wastes and Radioactive Wastes</p> | <p>Updated?</p> |
| 3a | <p>Have the provisions of Article 4.1 (a) or (b) of the Waigani Convention, where applicable, been implemented in your country?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In preparation</p> <p>Remarks:</p> <p>The provisions of Article 4.1 (a) or (b) o the Waigani Convention are being implemented within the country through the development of a draft Ozone Layer Protection Act which will be tabled in Parliament. Hopefully the Act should be in place by the end December 2010 and will be enforced as of January 2011.</p> <p>Also the Pesticides (Control) Act [Cap 226] restricts any person to import into Vanuatu or manufacture, formulate, pack or distribute, sell, offer for sale or offer as a gift or free sample or deliver within Vanuatu any pesticide unless certified.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

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| 3b | Are there any restrictions on the <u>export</u> of hazardous and radioactive wastes for <u>final disposal</u> (Annex V) in your country? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In preparation | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| | If yes, please provide the following: | | | | | |
| | (i) Specify relevant legislation and its entry into force: | | | | | |
| | (ii) Specify country/region and/or waste which would be covered by this restriction: | | | | | |
| 3c | Are there any restrictions on the <u>export</u> of hazardous and radioactive wastes for <u>recovery</u> (Annex V B) in your country? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| | If yes, please provide the following: | | | | | |
| | (i) Specify relevant legislation and its entry into force: | | | | | |
| 3d | Are there any restrictions on the <u>import</u> of hazardous wastes and radioactive wastes for <u>final disposal</u> (Annex V A) in your country? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| | If yes, please provide the following: | | | | | |
| | (i) Specify relevant legislation and its entry into force: | | | | | |
| | (ii) Specify country/region and/or waste which would be covered by this restriction: | | | | | |
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| 3e | <p>Are there any restrictions on the <u>import</u> of hazardous and radioactive wastes for <u>recovery</u> (Annex V B) in your country?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation</p> <p>If yes, please provide the following:</p> <p>(i) Specify relevant legislation and its entry into force:</p> <p>(ii) Specify country/region and/or waste which would be covered by this restriction:</p> <p>(iii) Remarks:</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 3f | <p>Are there any restrictions on the <u>transit</u> of hazardous wastes and radioactive wastes through your country?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In preparation</p> <p>If yes, please provide the following:</p> <p>(i) Specify relevant legislation and its entry into force:</p> <p>(ii) Specify country/region and/or waste which would be covered by this restriction:</p> <p>(iii) Remarks:</p> <p>Since Vanuatu is the latest addition to the Parties of the Waigani Convention, the country is yet to be familiarized with the processes involved in the movement of hazardous wastes and radioactive wastes.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 4 | <p>Control Procedure of the Transboundary Movement of Wastes</p> | <p>Updated?</p> |
| 4a | <p>Are the Notification and Movement document forms of the Waigani Convention used and/or accepted in the control of transboundary movement of hazardous wastes?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation</p> <p>(i) If yes, have there been any problems in the usage of the Notification and Movement document forms?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If you have encountered any problem, please explain:</p> <p>Since Vanuatu is the latest addition to the Parties of the Waigani Convention, the country is yet to be familiarized with the processes involved in the movement of hazardous wastes and radioactive wastes. Responsible authorities still need to understand the uses of the Notification and Movement Forms.</p> <p>(ii) Provide information on any other forms which are used and/or accepted in the control of transboundary movement of hazardous.</p> <p>:</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

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| 4b | <p>Is the border control for the purpose of export/import/transit of hazardous wastes was established?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation</p> <p>(i) Is the Harmonized System on customs control of the World Customs Organization used? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation</p> <p>(ii) Remarks:</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> |
| 5 | <p>Reduction and/or Elimination of the <u>Generation</u> of Hazardous Wastes</p> | <p>Updated?</p> |
| | <p><u>Describe measures taken for the reduction and/or elimination of the amount of hazardous wastes generated:</u></p> <p>(i) National strategies/policies: Developing a National Hazardous Waste Policy; involving the National Implementation Plan for the Persistent Organic Pollutants.</p> <p>(ii) Legislation, regulations and guidelines: Developing legal instruments such as Regulations and Acts that would specifically target the control and restriction (a) of goods and materials imported into the country which contain hazardous substances/chemicals, and (b) of goods and materials exported out of the country which contain hazardous substances/chemicals.</p> <p>(iii) Economic instruments/initiatives:</p> <p>(iv) Measures taken by industries/waste generators:</p> <p>(v) Others:</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> |

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| 6 | Reduction of the Amount of Hazardous Wastes <u>Subject to the Transboundary Movement</u> | Updated? | | |
| (i) | Describe measures taken for the reduction of the amount of hazardous wastes <u>subject to the transboundary movement</u>: National strategies/policies: | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
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| | (ii) | Legislation, regulations and guidelines: | | |
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| | (iii) | Economic instruments/initiatives: | | |
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| (iv) | Measures taken by industries/waste generators: | | | |
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| (v) | Others: | | | |
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| 7 | Effect on Human Health and the Environment | Updated? | | |
| | Please provide information relevant to your country (e.g. activities, effects, regions, period covered and the sources of data/information) relevant to your country on any available statistics, studies, monitoring reports, etc. which have been compiled on the effects of the generation, collection, handling, transportation and disposal of hazardous wastes on human health and the environment or alternatively provide contact information on where this could be found: | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
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| <p align="center">Table 1 Bilateral, Multilateral or Regional Agreements or Arrangements in force in (year...) Provide information concerning bilateral, multilateral or regional agreements or arrangements concluded pursuant to Article 11 of the Waigani Convention Convention:</p> | | | | | Updated? | |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----|--|----------|----|
| Type of agreement (Bilateral, multilateral, regional) | States and territories covered | Validity period | | Remarks: (wastes covered, disposal operations, etc.) | Yes | No |
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| Table 2 Disposal Facilities Operated within the National Jurisdiction | | | | Updated? | |
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| Please provide the following information OR indicate the source from where such information could be obtained: | | | | | |
| Facility/operation or process (Name, address, organization/company, etc.) | Description of the facility, operation or process | Disposal operation (Annex VA) D code | Capacity of the facility (in metric tonnes) | Does the facility treat wastes imported Yes/No | |
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| Sources of information from where such information could be obtained: | | | | | |
| Remarks | | | | | |

| Table 4 Sources of Technical Assistance Please list institutions (e.g. governmental bodies, universities, research centers etc.) to contact within your country for technical assistance and training; technical and scientific know-how, and for advice and expertise in various fields of assistance specified below: | | | | | | | Updated? | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | Yes | No | | | |
| Name and address of institutions | Field of Assistance | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Notification system | Management of hazardous wastes | Environmentally sound technologies | Assessment of disposal capabilities and sites | Monitoring of hazardous wastes | Emergency response | Identification of cases of illegal traffic | | | | |
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| Sources of information from where such information could be obtained: | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Table 5 Sources of Financial Assistance Please list institutions within your country that could be contacted by other Parties for financial assistance, if required: | | | | | | | Updated? | | |
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| | | | | | | | Yes | No | |
| Name and address of institutions | Field of Assistance | | | | | | | | |
| | Notification system | Management of hazardous wastes | Environmentally sound technologies | Assessment of disposal capabilities and sites | Monitoring of hazardous wastes | Emergency response | Identificati on of cases of illegal traffic | | |
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| Sources of information from where such information could be obtained: | | | | | | | | | |
| Remarks | | | | | | | | | |

PART II: ANNUAL REPORTING

SECTION A

TABLE 6

Export of hazardous wastes and other wastes in 2004

Total amounts exported:

Total amount of hazardous wastes under Art. 2(1)a (Annex I: Y1 - Y47) exported..... in metric tons.

Total amount of hazardous wastes under Art. 2(1)b exported..... in metric tons.

Total amount of hazardous wastes and other wastes exported..... in metric tons.

| Category of waste | | Hazardous characteristics ³ (Annex III) | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Annexes I and II ¹ | | Annex VIII ³ | UN class ³ | H' code ³ | Characteristics ³ | Amount exported (metric tons) | Country/countries of transit ⁴ | Country of destination ⁴ | Final disposal operation (Annex IV A) D code | Recovery operation (Annex IV B) R code |
| Y code | Waste Streams/wastes having as constituents ² | | | | | | | | | |
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1 Crucial to fill in the Y code or, if none is applicable, the waste streams/wastes having as constituents.
 2 Not required to fill in, if you have provided the Y-code.
 3 Optional to fill in.
 4 Use ISO codes as in the attached list.

PART II: ANNUAL REPORTING

SECTION A

TABLE 7

Import of hazardous wastes and other wastes in 2004

Total amounts imported:

Total amount of hazardous wastes under Art. 2(1)a (Annex I: Y1 - Y47) exported..... in metric tons.

Total amount of hazardous wastes under Art. 2(1)b exported..... in metric tons.

Total amount of hazardous wastes and other wastes exported..... in metric tons.

| Category of waste | | Hazardous characteristics ³ (Annex III) | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|--|---|--|-----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|
| | | Annexes I and II ¹ | | UN class ³ | H ¹ code ³ | Characteristics ³ | Amount imported (metric tons) | Country/countries of transit ⁴ | Country of origin ⁴ | Final disposal operation (Annex IV A) D code |
| Y code | Waste Streams/ wastes having as constituents ² | Annex VIII ³ | | | | | | | | |
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1 Crucial to fill in the Y code or, if none is applicable, the waste streams/wastes having as constituents.
 2 Not required to fill in, if you have provided the Y-code.
 3 Optional to fill in.
 4 Use ISO codes as in the attached list.

PART II: ANNUAL REPORTING

SECTION A

TABLE 8A

Total Amount of Generation of hazardous wastes and other wastes in 2004

| TOTAL amount of hazardous wastes and other wastes generated (metric tons) | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |
| Total amount of hazardous wastes under Art. 2 (1)a (Annex I: Y1-Y47) generated | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total amount of hazardous wastes under Art. 2 (1)b generated | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Remarks: | | | | | | | | | | | |

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SECTION A

TABLE 8B

Generation of hazardous wastes and other wastes by Y-categories in 2004

If possible, please fill in the quantities for the categories Y1 - Y47

| CATEGORIES | | QUANTITY GENERATED (metric tons) | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | Please note that "." is used to indicate decimals. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Waste streams | | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |
| Y1 | Clinical wastes from medical care in hospitals, medical centres and clinics | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y2 | Wastes from the production and preparation of pharmaceutical products | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y3 | Waste pharmaceuticals, drugs and medicines | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y4 | Wastes from the production..... of biocides and phytopharmaceuticals | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y5 | Wastes from the manufacture..... of wood preserving chemicals | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y6 | Wastes from the production, formulation and use of organic solvent | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y7 | Wastes from heat treatment and tempering operations containing cyanides | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y8 | Waste mineral oils unfit for their originally intended use | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y9 | Waste oils/water, hydrocarbons/water mixtures, emulsion | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Y10 | Waste substancescontaining or contaminated with PCBs, PCTs, PBBs | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y11 | Waste tarry residues ... from refining, distillation and any pyrolytic treatment | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y12 | Wastes from production..... of inks, dyes, pigments, paints, etc | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y13 | Wastes from production.....resins, latex, plasticizers, glues, etc | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y14 | Waste chemical substances arising environment are not known | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y15 | Wastes of an explosive nature not subject to other legislation | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y16 | Wastes from production, formulation and use of photographic chemicals... | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y17 | Wastes resulting from surface treatment of metals and plastics | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y18 | Residues arising from industrial waste disposal operations | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wastes having as constituents | | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | |
| Y19 | Metal carbonyls | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y20 | Beryllium; beryllium compounds | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y21 | Hexavalent chromium compounds | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y22 | Copper compounds | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y23 | Zinc compounds | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y24 | Arsenic; arsenic compounds | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y25 | Selenium; selenium compounds | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y26 | Cadmium; cadmium compounds | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y27 | Antimony; antimony compounds | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y28 | Tellurium; tellurium compounds | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y29 | Mercury; mercury compounds | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y30 | Thallium; thallium compounds | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y31 | Lead; lead compounds | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y32 | Inorganic fluorine compounds excluding calcium fluoride | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y33 | Inorganic cyanides | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y34 | Acidic solutions or acids in solid form | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y35 | Basic solutions or bases in solid form | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y36 | Asbestos (dust and fibres) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y37 | Organic phosphorus compounds | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y38 | Organic cyanides | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y39 | Phenols; phenol compounds including chlorophenols | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y40 | Ethers | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y41 | Halogenated organic solvents | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y42 | Organic solvents excluding halogenated solvents | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y43 | Any congener of polychlorinated dibenzo-furan | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y44 | Any congener of polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxin | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y45 | Organohalogen compounds other than ...(e.g. Y39, Y41, Y42, Y43, Y44) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y46 | Wastes collected from households | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Y47 | Residues arising from the incineration of household wastes | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| TABLE 9 | | | | | |
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| Disposals which did not proceed as intended | | | | | |
| Date of the incident | Countries involved | Type of waste | Amount (in metric tons) | Reason for the incident | Alternative measures taken |
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| TABLE 10 | | | | | |
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| Accidents occurring during the transboundary movement and disposal of hazardous wastes and other wastes | | | | | |
| Date and place of accident | Countries involved | Type of waste | Amount (in metric tons) | Type of accident | Measures taken to deal with the accident |
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| Remarks: | | | | | |

B: AUSTRALIA

**Secretariat of the Convention to
Ban the Importation into Forum Islands Countries
of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to
Control the Transboundary Movement and
Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South
Pacific Region
(Waigani Convention)**

**Questionnaire on “Transmission of Information”
in accordance with Articles 7 & 14 of the
Waigani Convention**

Reporting for the year 2008-2010

Please fill in the following

Country: Australia **Date when form completed(D/M/Y):** 23/08/2010

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INTRODUCTION

The Parties to the Waigani Convention are required, in accordance with Articles 7 and 14 of the Convention, to inform each other, through the Secretariat of the Waigani Convention, on issues related to the implementation of the Waigani Convention. To facilitate reporting by Parties, under both the Basel and Waigani Conventions, the secretariat has revised and adapted the questionnaire on “Transmission of Information” as developed under the Basel Convention to meet the reporting requirements under the Waigani Convention. The questionnaire consists of two parts, namely:

- Part I: Status of information and;
- Part II: Annual reporting.

All Parties should complete Part I: Status of Information of the questionnaire for a certain calendar year which might only need to be updated for any subsequent year.

Part I: Status of information covers issues such as designation of Competent Authority and Focal Point; national definition of waste; national definition of hazardous waste; restrictions on transboundary movement of hazardous and radioactive wastes; control procedure of the transboundary movement of waste; reduction and/or elimination of the generation of hazardous wastes; reduction of the amount of hazardous wastes subject to transboundary movement; effect on human health and the environment; bilateral, multilateral or regional agreements or arrangements; disposal and recovery facilities and sources of assistance.

Part II: Annual reporting covers those issues for which reporting is required on an annual basis. For the ease of electronic reporting and processing of the reported data/information, Part II: Annual reporting is divided into two sections namely, Section A and Section B.

Part II: Section A covers issues such as export/import hazardous wastes and radioactive wastes and the generation of hazardous wastes.

Part II: Section B covers issues such as disposals, which did not proceed as intended and accidents occurring during the transboundary movement and disposal of hazardous wastes.

Some of the general guidelines to fill in the questionnaire are:

- Complete the questionnaire in English.
- Ensure that all quantities are in metric tonnes.
- Complete the questionnaire by providing information/data in the required format.
- Provide an electronic version of the completed questionnaire, if possible or handwritten in block letter for legibility.

The questionnaire and the manual are available both in hard copy as well as in electronic version from the Waigani Convention Secretariat

PART I: STATUS OF INFORMATION (for the year 2010)

Note: If there is any update to the pre-filled answer provided in the middle column by your country to this query since the last update, please indicate so on the right column and update all relevant information accordingly!

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| 1 | Competent Authority and Focal Point | Updated? |
| 1a | Is there a designated Competent Authority to the Waigani Convention? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation | |
| | If yes, please provide: | |
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| | Title: | Director |
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| | E-mail: | Damien.Hall@environment.gov.au |
| | Official Web site: | ww.environment.gov.au |
| 1b | Is there a designated Focal Point to the Waigani Convention? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation | |
| | If yes, please provide: | |
| | Name: | Albert Williams |
| | Title: | Director |
| | Address: | Department of Environment and Conservation Private Mail Bag 9063 Port Vila Republic of Vanuatu |
| | Tel: | (+678) 25302 |
| | Fax: | (+678) 22227 |
| | E-mail: | albert.williams52@gmail.com |
| | Official Web site: | http://www.mol.gov.vu/home_env.html |
| 2 | Wastes Controlled for the Purpose of Transboundary Movement | Updated? |
| 2a | Is there a national definition of <u>waste</u> used for the purpose of transboundary movements of waste? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation | |
| | If yes, please provide the text of the national definition of waste (use additional space/attachment, if required): | |
| | Waste means a substance or object that: Is proposed to be disposed of, or Is disposed of, or Is required by a law of the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory to be disposed of. | |

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| 2b | <p>Is there a national definition of hazardous waste used for the purpose of transboundary movements of waste?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation</p> <p>If yes, please provide the text of the national definition of hazardous waste (use additional space/attachment, if required):</p> <p>Hazardous waste means:</p> <p>(a) waste prescribed by the regulations, where the waste has any of the characteristics mentioned in Annex III to the Basel Convention; or</p> <p>(b) wastes covered by paragraph 1(a) of Article 1 of the Basel Convention; or</p> <p>(c) household waste; or</p> <p>(d) residues arising from the incineration of household waste; but does not include wastes covered by paragraph 4 of Article 1 of the Basel Convention.</p> <p>Note 1: Section 4A provides for an extended meaning relates to the following matters:</p> <p>(a) A case where a foreign country has classified a particular substance or object as hazardous waste;</p> <p>(b) A case where a foreign country has classified waste collected from households as hazardous waste.</p> <p>Note 2: Section 4F provides for an extended meaning of hazardous waste. The extended meaning relates to substances or objects subject to notification or control under Article 11 arrangements.</p> | <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> |
| 2c | <p>Does your country regulate/control any additional wastes as hazardous that are not included in Art. 2 (1)a of the Waigani Convention and would be controlled for the purpose of transboundary movements pursuant to Art. 2 (1)b?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation</p> <p>If yes, please specify those wastes (use additional space/attachment, if required):</p> | <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> |
| 2d | <p>Are there any wastes other than those identified in above questions 2b and 2c that require special consideration when subjected to transboundary movement?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation</p> <p>If yes, specify (use additional space/attachment, if required):</p> | <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> |
| 3 | <p>Restrictions on Transboundary Movement Wastes and Radioactive Wastes</p> | <p>Updated?</p> |
| 3a | <p>Have the provisions of Article 4.1 (a) or (b) of the Waigani Convention, where applicable, been implemented in your country?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation</p> <p>Remarks:</p> | <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> |

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| <p>3b</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In preparation</p> <p>If yes, please provide the following:</p> <p>(i) Specify relevant legislation and its entry into force:</p> <p>(ii) Specify country/region and/or waste which would be covered by this restriction:</p> <p>(iii) Remarks:</p> | <p>Are there any restrictions on the <u>export</u> of hazardous and radioactive wastes for <u>final disposal</u> (Annex V) in your country?</p> <p>Section 17 of the Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1989. Section 18A also provides that the Minister must not grant a Basel export permit if the applicant proposes that the hazardous waste will be disposed of by a method that is within the scope of Section A or Annex IV to the Basel Convention, unless the Minister is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances. In deciding whether there are exceptional circumstances the Minister must have regard to the following: whether there will be significant risk of injury or damage to human beings or the environment if the permit is not granted; whether the waste is needed for research into improving the management of hazardous waste; and whether the waste is needed for testing for the purposes of improving the management of hazardous waste.</p> <p>The Minister also has discretion to decide not to grant a permit under the Act if there is reason to believe that the hazardous waste could be disposed of safely, efficiently and in an environmentally sound manner at a facility in Australia.</p> <p>Entry into force: 12 December 1996.</p> <p>This restriction covers all countries and regions and all hazardous wastes.</p> <p>The approval of the draft Ozone Layer Protection Act by Parliament will empower the restrictions and controls on the export of hazardous wastes/materials (i.e. ozone depleting substances).</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> |
| <p>3c</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation</p> <p>If yes, please provide the following:</p> <p>(i) Specify relevant legislation and its entry into force:</p> <p>(ii) Specify country/region and/or waste which would be covered by this restriction:</p> <p>(iii) Remarks:</p> | <p>Are there any restrictions on the <u>export</u> of hazardous and radioactive wastes for <u>recovery</u> (Annex V B) in your country?</p> <p>Section 17A of the Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1989 Entry into force: 13 December 1996.</p> <p>This restriction covers all countries and regions and all hazardous wastes.</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> |
| <p>3d</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation</p> <p>If yes, please provide the following:</p> <p>(i) Specify relevant legislation and its entry into force:</p> | <p>Are there any restrictions on the <u>import</u> of hazardous wastes and radioactive wastes for <u>final disposal</u> (Annex V A) in your country?</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> |

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| (ii) | Specify country/region and/or waste which would be covered by this restriction: | |
| (iii) | Remarks: | |
| 3e | <p>Are there any restrictions on the <u>import</u> of hazardous and radioactive wastes for <u>recovery</u> (Annex V B) in your country?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation</p> <p>If yes, please provide the following:</p> <p>(i) Specify relevant legislation and its entry into force:</p> <p>Section 17 of the Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1989 Entry into force: 12 December 1996.</p> <p>(ii) Specify country/region and/or waste which would be covered by this restriction:</p> <p>(iii) Remarks:</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 3f | <p>Are there any restrictions on the <u>transit</u> of hazardous wastes and radioactive wastes through your country?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In preparation</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In preparation</p> <p>If yes, please provide the following:</p> <p>(i) Specify relevant legislation and its entry into force:</p> <p>Section 17A of the Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1989 Entry into force: 12 December 1996.</p> <p>(ii) Specify country/region and/or waste which would be covered by this restriction:</p> <p>This restriction covers all countries and regions and all hazardous wastes.</p> <p>(iii) Remarks:</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| 4 | Control Procedure of the Transboundary Movement of Wastes | Updated? |
| 4a | <p>Are the Notification and Movement document forms of the Waigani Convention used and/or accepted in the control of transboundary movement of hazardous wastes?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation</p> <p>(i) If yes, have there been any problems in the usage of the Notification and Movement document forms?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If you have encountered any problem, please explain:</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
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| (ii) | Provide information on any other forms which are used and/or accepted in the control of transboundary movement of hazardous. | |
| | : OECD and Basel Convention forms are also used and/or accepted in the control of transboundary movements of hazardous and other wastes. | |
| 4b | Is the border control for the purpose of export/import/transit of hazardous wastes was established? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation | |
| (i) | Is the Harmonized System on customs control of the World Customs Organization used? | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation | |
| (ii) | Remarks: | |
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| 5 | Reduction and/or Elimination of the <u>Generation</u> of Hazardous Wastes | Updated? |
| (i) | Describe measures taken for the reduction and/or elimination of the amount of hazardous wastes <u>generated</u>: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| | <p>National strategies/policies:</p> <p>Through the Environment Heritage and Protection Council (EPHC), the eight Australian States and Territories and the Australian Commonwealth Government endorsed a National Waste Policy (NWP) in November 2009.</p> <p>Australia's domestic waste generation has increased by 31 per cent to 43.8 million tones over the period 2002-03 to 2006-07. Hazardous waste generation (as defined under the Basel Convention) has doubled from 0.64 million tones to 1.19 million tones per annum over the period 2002-03 to 2006-07 and now appears to have stabilized. Resource recovery from waste in Australia has also increased over this period to 22.7 million tones (National Waste Report 2010, DEWHA, http://www.environment.gov.au/settlements/waste_publications/pubs/fs-national-waste-report-2010.pdf)</p> <p>The implementation of the NWP over the next 4-5 years will see initiatives for the minimization of hazardous substances in products result in consequent decreases in hazardous waste generation. In line with current international efforts to restrict the use of certain hazardous materials in electronic products, Australia is developing product stewardship legislation relating to a series of product streams, commencing with TVs and computer.</p> <p>These are just the first of many initiatives offering outcomes including the minimization of hazardous waste generation outlined in the NWP, which may be found at: http://www.environment.gov.au/waste_publications.htm</p> | |
| (ii) | Legislation, regulations and guidelines: | |
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| (iii) | <p>Economic instruments/initiatives:</p> <p>Product Stewardship Arrangements for Used Oil: These arrangements were introduced in 2001 by the Australian Government to provide incentives to increase used oil recycling. The arrangements comprise a levy-benefit system, where a 5.449-cent per litre levy on new lubricating oil underwrites benefit payments to used oil recyclers and a 7-year \$34.5 million transitional assistance grants scheme. The Arrangements, administered by the Australian Taxation Office and the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts aim to encourage the environmentally sustainable management and re-refining of used oil and its re-use. In the year 2006 Australians recycled approximately 214 million litres of their used oil which is a slight drop from the 221 million litres reported for 2005</p> | |
| (iv) | Measures taken by industries/waste generators: | |
| (v) | Others: | |
| 6 | <p>Reduction of the Amount of Hazardous Wastes Subject to the Transboundary Movement</p> <p>Describe measures taken for the reduction of the amount of hazardous wastes subject to the transboundary movement:</p> <p>(i) National strategies/policies:</p> <p>The measures taken for reduction of the amount of hazardous wastes and other wastes subject to the transboundary movement are same as the measures taken for reduction and or elimination of hazardous waste generation.</p> <p>(ii) Legislation, regulations and guidelines:</p> <p>(iii) Economic instruments/initiatives:</p> <p>(iv) Measures taken by industries/waste generators:</p> <p>(v) Others:</p> | <p>Updated?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> |
| 7 | <p>Effect on Human Health and the Environment</p> <p>Please provide information relevant to your country (e.g. activities, effects, regions, period covered and the sources of data/information) relevant to your country on any available statistics, studies, monitoring reports, etc. which have been compiled on the effects of the generation, collection, handling, transportation and disposal of hazardous wastes on human health and the environment or alternatively provide contact information on where this could be found:</p> <p>Information may be obtained from the following websites:</p> <p>http://www.environment.gov.au/ http://www.tams.act.gov.au/live/environment http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/ http://www.nreta.nt.gov.au/ http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/ http://www.epa.sa.gov.au/ http://www.dtae.tas.gov.au/ http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/ http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/</p> | <p>Updated?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> |

| Table 1 | | | | Updated? | | |
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| Bilateral, Multilateral or Regional Agreements or Arrangements in force in (year...) | | | | | | |
| Provide information concerning bilateral, multilateral or regional agreements or arrangements concluded pursuant to Article 11 of the Waigani Convention | | | | | | |
| Convention: | | | | | | |
| Type of agreement (Bilateral, multilateral, regional) | States and territories covered | Validity period | | Remarks: (wastes covered, disposal operations, etc.) | | |
| | | From: | To: | | | |
| Multilateral | OECD Member Countries | 15.03.2004 | | OECD Decision C(2001)107/FINAL concerning the revision of Decision C(92)39/FINAL on the Control of Transfrontier Movements of Wastes Destined for Recovery Operations. | | |
| Regional | Forum Island Countries | 25.10.2001 | | Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region (Waigani Convention) | | |
| Bilateral | Democratic Republic of East Timor | 04.11.2002 | | Import of hazardous wastes from East Timor for disposal in Australia | | |
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| Table 2 | | | | Updated? | | |
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| Disposal Facilities Operated within the National Jurisdiction | | | | | | |
| Please provide the following information | | | | | | |
| OR indicate the source from where such information could be obtained: | | | | | | |
| Facility/operation or process (Name, address, organization/company, etc.) | Description of the facility, operation or process | Disposal operation (Annex VA) D code | Capacity of the facility (in metric tonnes) | Does the facility treat wastes imported Yes/No | | |
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| Sources of information from where such information could be obtained: | http://www.environment.gov.au/ http://www.tams.act.gov.au/live/environment http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/ http://www.nreta.nt.gov.au/ http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/ http://www.epa.sa.gov.au/ http://www.dtae.tas.gov.au/ http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/ http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/ | | | | | |
| Remarks: | | | | | | |

| Table 3 | | | | Updated? | |
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| Recovery Facilities Operated within the National Jurisdiction | | | | | |
| Please provide the following information | | | | | |
| OR indicate the source from where such information could be obtained: | | | | Yes | No |
| Facility/operation or process (Name, address, organization/company, etc.) | Description of the facility, operation or process | Recovery operation (Annex VB) R code | Capacity of the facility (in metric tonnes) | Does the facility treat wastes imported Yes/No | |
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| Sources of information from where such information could be obtained: | A complete list may be obtained from the following websites: http://www.environment.gov.au/ http://www.tams.act.gov.au/live/environment http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/ http://www.nreta.nt.gov.au/ http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/ http://www.epa.sa.gov.au/ http://www.dtae.tas.gov.au/ http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/ http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/ | | | | |
| Remarks: | | | | | |

| Table 4 | | | | | | | Updated? | |
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| Sources of Technical Assistance | | | | | | | | |
| Please list institutions (e.g. governmental bodies, universities, research centers etc.) to contact within your country for technical assistance and training; technical and scientific know-how, and for advice and expertise in various fields of assistance specified below: | | | | | | | | |
| Field of Assistance | | | | | | | Yes | No |
| Name and address of institutions | Notification system | Management of hazardous wastes | Environmentally sound technologies | Assessment of disposal capabilities and sites | Monitoring of hazardous wastes | Emergency response | Identification of cases of illegal traffic | |
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| Sources of information from where such information could be obtained: | A complete list may be obtained from the following websites: http://www.environment.gov.au/ http://www.tams.act.gov.au/live/environment http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/ http://www.nreta.nt.gov.au/ http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/ http://www.epa.sa.gov.au/ http://www.dtae.tas.gov.au/ http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/ http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/ | | | | | | | |
| Remarks: | | | | | | | | |

| Table 5 Sources of Financial Assistance | | | | | | | Updated? | | | |
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| Please list institutions within your country that could be contacted by other Parties for financial assistance, if required: | | | | | | | Yes | x | No | |
| Name and address of institutions | Field of Assistance | | | | | | | | | |
| | Notification system | Management of hazardous wastes | Environmentally sound technologies | Assessment of disposal capabilities and sites | Monitoring of hazardous wastes | Emergency response | Identification of cases of illegal traffic | | | |
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| Sources of information from where such information could be obtained: | A complete list may be obtained from the following websites: http://www.environment.gov.au/ http://www.tams.act.gov.au/live/environment http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/ http://www.nreta.nt.gov.au/ http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/ http://www.epa.sa.gov.au/ http://www.dtae.tas.gov.au/ http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/ http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/ | | | | | | | | | |
| Remarks: | | | | | | | | | | |

ANNEX V: APPROVED BUDGET – 2011 & 2012

| EXPENDITURE (USD) | | | | |
|-------------------|---|--------|--------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | <u>6th Conference of the Parties, 2012</u> | | | |
| | Per diem - participants (Small Island States) | | | |
| | - Cook Islands | 2 days | 420 | |
| | - Kiribati | 2 days | 420 | |
| | - Niue | 2 days | 420 | |
| | - Tuvalu | 2 days | <u>420</u> | 1,680 |
| | Resource person x 2 | | | 1,800 |
| | Other Meeting Costs | | | |
| | - Secretariat Support | | 4,358 | |
| | - Communications | | 500 | |
| | - Photocopying and stationery | | 500 | |
| | - Catering (Morning/Afternoon teas) | | 150 | |
| | - Other costs (venue, cocktails etc) | | <u>2,000</u> | 7,508 |
| | | | | <u><u>\$ 10,988</u></u> |
| 2 | <u>Technical Advisory Services and Support to Parties, 2011-2012</u> | | | |
| | | | | <u><u>\$ 8,000</u></u> |
| 3 | <u>4th STAC (STAC4) and 3rd Steering Committee Meeting (SCPRC3)</u> | | | |
| | | | | <u><u>\$ 35,000</u></u> |
| | TOTAL EXPENDITURE | | | <u><u>\$ 53,988</u></u> |

| WAIGANI CONVENTION CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2011-2012 | | |
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| Australia | 40.000% | 21,595 |
| Cook Islands | 2.000% | 1,080 |
| Federated States of Micronesia | 2.000% | 1,080 |
| Fiji | 2.000% | 1,080 |
| Kiribati | 2.000% | 1,080 |
| New Zealand | 40.000% | 21,595 |
| Niue | 2.000% | 1,080 |
| Papua New Guines | 2.000% | 1,080 |
| Samoa | 2.000% | 1,080 |
| Solomon Islands | 2.000% | 1,080 |
| Tonga | 2.000% | 1,080 |
| Tuvalu | 2.000% | 1,080 |
| TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS | | <u><u>\$ 53,988</u></u> |

ANNEX VI: BUSINESS PLAN FOR THE PACIFIC REGIONAL CENTRE (PRC) – 2011-2012

Planned Activities

PIC Parties to the Waigani Convention and/or Basel Convention: Cook Islands, FSM, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

The Pacific Regional Centre Business Plan for 2011-2012 will concentrate on the following Strategic Plan Focus Areas:

Activity 1: Development and implementation of region-specific hazardous and other wastes minimization programmes in Pacific Island countries

Sub-activity 1: Assessment of e-wastes in the Pacific

Countries: all PIC Parties

Time frame: 18 months – 2011-2012

Budget: US\$50,000

Sub-activity 2: Follow up work for countries that are already conducting pilot projects

Sub-activity 3: Environmentally Sound Management of ULABs in the Pacific

Countries: all PIC Parties

Time frame: 18 months – 2011-2012

Budget: US\$50,000

Sub-activity 4: Pilot project for a partnership on ESM of Used Oils in the North Pacific

Countries: FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru and Palau

Time frame: 18 months – 2011-2012

Budget: US\$50,000

Sub-activity 5: Ongoing Assessment of asbestos in the Pacific

Countries: Cook Islands, Niue, Samoa, and Tonga, Solomon Islands.

Time frame: 18 months – 2011-2012

Budget: US\$30,000

Sub-activity 6: Pilot project on the management of non-POPs wastes including laboratory chemicals and healthcare waste (expired pharmaceuticals)

Countries: all PIC Parties

Time frame: 24 months – 2011-2012

Budget: US\$70,000

Activity 2: The operation of the PRC-SPREP as one of the main regional delivery mechanism for the concrete Implementation of the Strategic Plan

Sub-activity 7: Training on National Waste Definitions and Hazardous Waste Data Collection

Countries: all PIC Parties

Time frame: 1 week during 2011-2012

Budget: US\$45,000

Sub-activity 8: Training of focal points, competent authorities and relevant staff and other stakeholders on various aspects of the implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions

Countries: all PIC Parties

Time frame: 18 Months

Budget: US\$45,000

Sub-activity 9: Replication of the Training of legal officers to develop the concept of a national regulatory framework for the synergistic implementation of the 4 chemical conventions (Waigani, Basel, Stockholm, Rotterdam)

Countries: 5 PICs to be determined

Time frame: 18 Months

Budget: US\$60,000

Activity 3: Development and implementation of programme activities concerning the environmentally sound management of priority waste streams

Sub-activity 10: National hazardous waste management plans development

Countries: 4 PICs to be determined

Time frame: 18 Months

Budget: US\$30,000

Activity 4: Implementation of the control of trans-boundary movements of hazardous wastes

Sub-activity 11: Establishment of association with Oceania Customs Organization (OCO) and develop an MOU between the Secretariat and OCO, training programme

Countries: all PIC Parties

Time frame: 24 Months

Budget: US\$5,000

Sub-activity 12: Strengthening the synergies between Customs Officials, relevant law enforcement agencies and the Basel and Waigani Convention Competent Authorities (and other relevant chemical MEAs)

Countries: 4 PICs to be determined

Time frame: 18 Months

Budget: US\$30,000

In addition to these priority activities, other relevant support functions such as general backstopping activities, dissemination and management of relevant information, legal and technical advice on hazardous waste management matters will be provided by SPREP staff as part of the general functions of the Secretariat of the Waigani Convention.

The matrix in Annex I outlines a more detailed description of what each of the Activities will be aiming to do and who the proposed partners will be in their implementation.

A. Outputs

The main outputs envisaged at the end of 2011 are:

Activity 1: Development and implementation of region-specific hazardous and other wastes minimization programmes in Pacific Island countries

- Framework legislation on wastes and hazardous wastes, including waste definitions developed and in place in 4 countries
- Appropriate systems for the control of trans-boundary movements of hazardous wastes, including the control of illegal traffic developed and in place in 4 countries.
- Assessment of hazardous waste problems (e-wastes, asbestos, ULABs, non-POPs chemicals and healthcare waste, and Waste Oils) undertaken and completed in at least 4 Parties.
- Conclusion of ESM ULAB in the 5 pilot countries.

Include a comment about the 5 remaining countries who have yet had the assessments done

Activity 2: The operation of the PRC-SPREP as one of the main regional delivery mechanism for the concrete Implementation of the Strategic Plan

- Training packages and manuals prepared for various aspects, as specified in the work plan in Annex I of the implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions
- National plans for hazardous waste management developed for 4 countries
- 4 National train-the-trainers courses conducted on hazardous waste management and enforcement
- 2 Regional workshops on awareness raising, education and outreach programmes conducted
- 1 Regional workshop conducted to assist countries in the enhancement of regional and national capacities for the collection, management and dissemination of data and information
- 1 Regional workshop conducted to assist countries in the development of waste definitions and national inventories
- 4 Countries assisted in developing and implementing pilot projects on hazardous waste management, including application and use of cleaner technologies

Activity 3: Development and implementation of programme activities concerning the environmentally sound management of priority waste streams

- National inventories of hazardous wastes in 4 countries completed or updated
- Appropriate systems for the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes that include classifications, definitions, standards and procedures developed and in place in 4 countries
- 4 pilot plans for specific hazardous wastes developed and in place in 4 countries
- National programmes for identifying and cleaning up of obsolete stocks of hazardous wastes (e.g. PCBs, pesticides) developed and operational in 2 countries
- 4 Pilot projects on priority hazardous waste streams developed and implemented including application and use of cleaner technologies

Activity 4: Implementation of the control of trans-boundary movements of hazardous wastes

- Agreement established between PRC-SPREP and OCO to as part of strengthening the regional cooperation between the SWC and SBC and the Oceania Customs Organization (OCO)
- 1 Regional workshop conducted for customs and other relevant enforcement officers based on training guidelines and manuals developed by PRC-SPREP, SWC and SBC for the Pacific region
- Synergies between Customs Officials and the Basel and Waigani Convention Competent Authorities (as well as competent authorities of other relevant chemical MEAs) strengthened in 4 countries

B. Endorsements

Article VIII paragraph 2 of the agreement establishing the Regional Centre of Training and Technology Transfer for the Waigani and Basel Conventions in the Pacific Region stipulates, *“the Steering Committee shall develop the Business Plan of the Centre and oversee its implementation.”*

C. Assumptions and Uncertainties

The assumptions and uncertainties outlined here are based on the experience we have worked with when addressing hazardous waste management projects over the last 5 years in the region:

- Cooperation and formal agreements obtained from all participating governments with all agreeing to participate fully
- All governments in the region has fully dedicated and operational officers or agency to deal with hazardous waste management at the national level
- Trained officers remain in their jobs and progress the hazardous waste management work at the national level
- Inter-agency collaboration at the national level is operational
- Government lead agencies for all waste management matters also recognise hazardous waste as an important
- Regional experts and agencies cooperating with the implementation of the Business Plan

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- An active Steering Committee
 - Mobilization and availability of adequate funding

D. Financial Plan for the period of 2011-2012

Please refer to Attachment II for an elaborate financial plan for the implementation of the Business Plan for the PRC-SPREP for the period of 2011-2012.

E. Resource Mobilisation

The principles that are followed and advocated for the implementation of this Business Plan for the period of 2011-2012 are:

- a multi-stakeholder approach, involving representatives from various government ministries as well as concerned parties outside of government, such as industry, research institutions, labour, and public interest groups;
- a country-driven process through which partner countries assess and identify their chemicals and hazardous waste management needs and link their related activities to national environmental and developmental objectives; and
- an inter-sectoral approach to chemicals and hazardous waste management in order to facilitate chemical risk reduction and pollution prevention across all stages of the life cycle.

The PRC-SPREP will work closely with the following organizations and agencies to mobilize the resources needed for the implementation of the Business Plan for the Centre:

- Secretariat of the Basel Convention
- Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention
- Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention
- Secretariat of the Strategic Approaches to International Chemical Management (SAICM)
- The Pacific Island Forum Secretariat (PIFS)
- United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Government of Japan
- Government of Australia
- Government of New Zealand
- Regional training institutions such as the University of the South Pacific, University of Papua New Guinea and other Universities and colleges in the Pacific region dealing with chemical and hazardous waste management issues
- Pacific Islands non-governmental organizations
- Relevant Pacific Island regional organizations such as the Oceania Customs Organizations, Pacific Ports Authorities, Police Associations etc

All the listed governments, organizations and agencies will be contacted and advised about the vision, objective and aim of the Business Plan of the Pacific Regional Centre and encouraged to be a partner in the implementation of the plan itself over the period of 2011-2012.

F. Monitoring and Evaluation

The monitoring and evaluation of the operations of the Centre and the implementation of the Business Plan will be a key role of the Steering Committee. The staff of the Centre will perform the function of reporting on the overall project activities.

The key monitoring role for Steering Committee will be in ensuring quality control by the Centre staff at all stages of the operations of the Centre as well as in the implementation of the projects.

SBC will also provide monitoring assistance and quality assurance through the provision of technical advise on the implementation of the projects, and by ensuring that conditions of the funding agencies are adhered to rigidly.

Attachment I

Activity 1: Development and implementation of hazardous and other wastes minimization programmes in developing country Parties in the Pacific region

| Sub-activities | Measurable Outputs | SWC's and SBC's role in assisting the PRC-SPREP | Partners |
|---|----------------------------|--|---|
| 1. Providing legal and technical assistance to Parties to develop framework legislation on wastes and hazardous wastes, including waste definitions | 4 Pacific Island countries | Facilitate national consultation process as and when requested; | IGOs/related MEAs |
| 2. Providing assistance to countries to develop systems for the control of trans-boundary movements of hazardous wastes, including the control of illegal traffic | 4 Pacific Island countries | • Facilitate access to experts and bilateral/multilateral funding; • Provide information on similar standards and procedures available in other countries | • Donors • CROP agencies • IGOs • Related MEAs • Regional experts |
| 3. Providing assistance to countries in the assessment of hazardous waste problems (e-wastes, asbestos, ULABs, non-POPs chemicals and healthcare waste, and Waste Oils). The assistance would also include work on waste definitions, national inventory, generation and stockpiles etc | 4 Pacific Island countries | • Facilitate regional meetings Coordinate with other concerned IGOs, NGOs and regional bodies • Facilitate access to experts and bilateral/multilateral funding; | • Donors • CROP agencies • IGOs • Related MEAs • Regional experts |

Sub-activity 1: Assessment of e-wastes in the Pacific

Countries: all PIC Parties

Time frame: 18 months – 2011-2012

Budget: US\$50,000

Sub-activity 2: Assessment of ULABs in the Pacific

Countries: all PIC Parties

Time frame: 18 months – 2011-2012

Budget: US\$50,000

Sub-activity 3: Pilot project for a partnership on ESM of Used Oils in the North Pacific

Countries: FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru and Palau

Time frame: 18 months – 2011-2012

Budget: US\$50,000

Sub-activity 4: Assessment of asbestos in the Pacific

Countries: Cook Islands, Niue, Samoa, and Tonga

Time frame: 18 months – 2011-2012

Budget: US\$30,000

Sub-activity 5: Pilot project on the management of non-POPs wastes including laboratory chemicals and healthcare waste (expired pharmaceuticals)

Countries: all PIC Parties

Time frame: 24 months – 2011-2012

Budget: US\$70,000

Activity 2: The operation of the PRC-SPREP as one of the main regional delivery mechanism for the concrete Implementation of the Strategic Plan

| Sub-activities | Measurable Outputs | SWC's and SBC's role in assisting the PRC-SPREP | Partners |
|---|---|---|--|
| 1. Provide technical assistance and contribute towards the development and preparation of training manuals, curricula, procedures for monitoring and enforcement and decision support tools undertaken by the SWC and SBC: (a) Revised manual on national legislation (b) Training package on implementation of the Basel Convention (c) Training package on national waste definitions and inventories of hazardous wastes (d) Training package on the preparation of national hazardous waste management plan (e) Guidance manual for customs, port, police and other enforcement officers (f) Training packages for environmentally sound management of specific priority waste streams (e.g. asbestos, waste oils, health-care wastes, used lead acid batteries, etc) | 1 manual to be completed 1 training package to be completed 1 training package to be completed 1 training package to be completed 1 training package to be completed Training packages for each waste stream to be completed | Providing expertise, coordination and support in document preparation Organize regional/ national meetings as required Seek input and build up partnership with relevant bodies (IGOs, NGOs, industry) Testing of the applicability of the manual together with the PRC-SPREP | • NGOs • IGOs • Industry |
| 2. Development of national plans and prioritized regional programmes | 1 national action plan completed in 4 countries (building on the NIPs for SC), and at least 3 regional programmes completed | Providing expertise, coordination and support | • Related IGOs • National Governments |
| 3. Training of trainers on hazardous waste management (including toxic chemicals) and enforcement | 4 training courses completed | Coordination and support Participate as experts | • Related MEAs • CROP agencies • Regional training institutions • Regional experts |
| 4. Awareness, education and outreach programmes and activities | 2 regional workshops; trained journalists; publication/ media mix | Providing expertise, coordination and support materials | • National governments • Related IGOs • Regional training institutions • Industry • Mass media |
| 5. Assisting countries in the enhancement of regional and national capacities for the collection, management and dissemination of data and information | 1 regional workshop held | • Providing expertise, coordination and support • Providing funding from bilateral and multilateral sources • Training material preparation | • National governments • Mass media |
| 6. Assist in the development of waste definitions and national inventories on hazardous wastes | 1 regional workshops held | Providing expertise, coordination and support Industry | • National governments • Regional training institutions |
| 7. Assist the SWC and SBC in providing technical assistance to countries in developing and implementing pilot projects on hazardous waste management, including application and use of cleaner technologies | 4 countries assisted | • Providing expertise, coordination, support and project monitoring; • Build up partnership with stakeholders | IGOs/related MEAs Industry |

Sub-activity 6: Training on National Waste Definitions and Hazardous Waste Data Collection

Countries: all PIC Parties

Time frame: 1 week during 2011-2012

Budget: US\$45,000

Sub-activity 7: Training of focal points, competent authorities and relevant staff on various aspects of the implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions

Countries: all PIC Parties

Time frame: 18 Months

Budget: US\$45,000

Sub-activity 8: Replication of the Training of legal officers to develop the concept of a national regulatory framework for the synergistic implementation of the 4 chemical conventions (Waigani, Basel, Stockholm, Rotterdam)

Countries: 5 PICs to be determined

Time frame: 18 Months

Budget: US\$60,000

Activity 3: Development and implementation of programme activities concerning the environmentally sound management of priority waste streams

| Sub-activities | Measurable Outputs | SWC's and SBC's role in assisting the PRC-SPREP | Partners |
|--|---------------------------------|---|--|
| 1. Providing assistance to countries in the assessment of priority hazardous waste streams (national waste definitions, national inventory, generation and stockpiles) | 4 Parties completed inventories | • Facilitate regional meetings • Coordinate with other concerned | • IGOs • NGOs • Regional bodies • Industry |
| 2. Providing assistance to countries to develop systems for the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes that include classifications, definitions, standards and procedures | 4 countries assisted | • Facilitate access to experts and bilateral/multilateral funding; • Provide information on similar standards and procedures available in other countries | IGOs/related MEAs |
| 3. Assistance to countries to develop hazardous waste management plans | 4 pilot plans are developed | Facilitate access to experts, funding and assist in development of the plans | • IGOs • Related MEAs • Regional experts |
| 4. Assisting countries in the programme for identifying and cleaning up of obsolete stocks of hazardous wastes (e.g. PCBs, pesticides) | 2 countries assisted | • Providing expertise, coordination and support • Build up partnership with stakeholders • Manual preparation | • IGOs • NGOs • Industry |
| 5. Technical assistance to countries in developing and implementing pilot projects on hazardous waste management (priority waste streams), including application and use of cleaner technologies | 4 pilot projects conducted | • Providing expertise, coordination, support and project monitoring; • Build up partnership with stakeholders | • National governments • Industry • NGOs |

Sub-activity 9: National hazardous waste management plans development

Countries: 4 PICs to be determined

Time frame: 18 Months

Budget: US\$30,000

Activity 4: Implementation of the control of trans-boundary movements of hazardous wastes

| Sub-activities | Measurable Outputs | SWC's and SBC's role in assisting the PRC-SPREP | Partners |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Strengthening of regional cooperation between the SWC and SBC and the Oceania Customs Organization (OCO) | Agreement between PRC-SPREP and OCO established | Coordination between PRC-SPREP, national governments and OCO | • National Governments • Oceania Customs Organization (OCO) |
| 2. Preparation of manuals and guidelines (simple but comprehensive) for the Customs Officials and other relevant enforcement officers in-country. | 1 regional training workshop conducted | • Facilitate access to experts and bilateral/multilateral funding; • Provide information on similar procedures available in other countries | • National Governments IGOs/related MEAs • OCO |
| 3. Strengthening synergies between Customs Officials and the Basel and Waigani Convention Competent Authorities | 4 countries assisted in strengthening the synergies | Coordinate with other concerned IGOs and Regional bodies | Regional bodies IGOs/related MEAs National governments |

Sub-activity 10: Establishment of association with Oceania Customs Organization (OCO) and develop training programme

Countries: all PIC Parties

Time frame: 24 Months

Budget: US\$5,000

Sub-activity 11: Strengthening the synergies between Customs Officials and the Basel and Waigani Convention Competent Authorities (and other relevant chemical MEAs) Countries: 4 PICs to be determined

Time frame: 18 Months

Budget: US\$30,000

Attachment II

Indicative BCRC estimate expenditures for the year 2011-2012 for sub-activities 1-5 only

| PRC-SPREP - ESTIMATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 2011-2012 | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| EXPENDITURE (ESTIMATE) | 2011 | 2012 | Total |
| CORE | | | |
| Personnel | | | |
| Subcontracts | | | |
| Travel and Subsistence | 20,000 | 20,000 | 40,000 |
| Training/Learning | 60,000 | 50,000 | 110,000 |
| Equipment, supplies and premises | 5,000 | 5,000 | 10,000 |
| General operating expenses | 5,000 | 5,000 | 10,000 |
| Subtotal | | | |
| SUB-ACIVITIES | | | |
| 1. Assessment of e-waste in the Pacific | 50,000 | 30,000 | 80,000 |
| 2. Assessment of ULABs in the Pacific | 50,000 | 30,000 | 80,000 |
| 3. Pilot project for a partnership on the ESM of used oils in the North Pacific | 50,000 | 20,000 | 70,000 |
| 4. Assessment of asbestos in the Pacific | 30,000 | 10,000 | 40,000 |
| 5. Pilot project on the management of non-POPs waste including laboratory chemicals and healthcare waste (expired pharmaceuticals) | 70,000 | 30,000 | 100,000 |
| Subtotal | 340,000 | 200,000 | 540,000 |
| MANAGEMENT FEES | | | |
| UNEP (13% of the project subtotals) | 44,200 | 26,000 | 70,200 |
| Subtotal | 44,200 | 26,000 | 70,200 |
| Total Expenditure | 384,200 | 226,000 | 610,200 |
| | | | |
| INCOME (ESTIMATE) | | | |
| Carry forward from previous year core | 10,000 | | 10,000 |
| | | | |
| CONTRACTED CORE INCOME | | | |
| From BC Trust Fund | | | |
| From Technical Cooperation Trust Fund | | | |
| Core allocations from SPREP | 20,000 | 20,000 | 40,000 |
| Subtotal | 30,000 | 20,000 | 50,000 |
| | | | |
| CONTRACTED PROJECT INCOME | | | |
| From BC Trust Fund | 50,000 | | 50,000 |
| From Technical Cooperation Trust Fund | | | |
| Core allocations from SPREP | 10,000 | 10,000 | 20,000 |
| Management fee income to SBC | | | |
| Subtotal | 60,000 | 10,000 | 70,000 |
| | | | |
| Under negotiation (CORE) | 100,000 | 70,000 | 170,000 |
| Under negotiation (Projects) | 194,200 | 126,000 | 320,200 |
| Total Income | 384,200 | 226,000 | 610,200 |
| | | | |
| PROJECTED YEAR END SURPLUS | NIL | NIL | NIL |

ANNEX 4: ABBREVIATIONS

| | | |
|---------|---|--|
| AFD | - | French Development Agency |
| COP | - | Conference of the Parties |
| GEF-PAS | - | Global Environment Facility-Pacific Alliance for Sustainability |
| MFAT | - | Samoa Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade |
| MNRE | - | Samoa Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment |
| NIP | - | National Implementation Plan |
| OEWG | - | Open-Ended Working Group |
| POPs | - | Persistent Organic Pollutants |
| PRC | - | Pacific Regional Centre |
| SCPRC | - | Steering Committee of the Pacific Regional Centre for Training & Technology Transfer |
| STAC | - | Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee |
| TU | - | Tsinghua University, China |