



SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

## Twentieth SPREP Meeting

Apia, Samoa  
17 – 20 November 2009**Agenda Item 2: Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair****Purpose of Paper**

1. The “*Rules of Procedure of the SPREP Meeting*” (Rules 8.1 and 8.2), provides that where the Meeting is hosted by the Secretariat, the Chair shall rotate alphabetically, and where the Meeting is not hosted by the Secretariat, the Chair shall be provided by the host country.
2. Accordingly, the **Chair** of the Twentieth SPREP Meeting shall be **Kiribati**, the next in alphabetical order since the Secretariat last hosted the SPREP Meeting (18SM Apia, 2007) at which time the Chair was **Guam**.
3. Rule 8.3 also provide that the Vice-Chair shall rotate alphabetically whether or not the Meeting is hosted by the Secretariat. The Vice-Chair of the Nineteenth SPREP Meeting was **Solomon Islands**. Under the principle of alphabetical rotation, therefore, **Tokelau** should be appointed **Vice-Chair** of the Twentieth SPREP Meeting.

**Recommendation**

4. The Meeting is invited to:
  - **confirm** the Representative of **Kiribati** as **Chair**; and
  - **confirm** the Representative of **Tokelau** as **Vice-Chair**.

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