

Twelfth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement and the Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region (Waigani Convention)

1st September 2023, Apia, Samoa

Agenda item 5: Reporting and transmission of information on illegal traffic

Purpose of paper

1. To table national Reports received from Parties as well as reports of illegal traffic.

Background

2. Article 7.3 of the Waigani Convention requires Parties, consistent with their national laws and regulations, to set up information, collection and dissemination mechanisms on hazardous wastes to enable the Secretariat to fulfil its obligations under articles 9.6 and 14.
3. In its Second Meeting in 2004, the Conference of the Parties adopted the recommendation that Reporting and Transmission of Information forms should be filled out annually by Parties and submitted to the SPREP in its role as the Secretariat of the Waigani Convention. The Parties were further requested to begin reporting under the Waigani Convention starting at the 2004 calendar year.
4. The same meeting in 2004 also approved Guidance Elements for Detection, Prevention and control of Illegal Traffic in Hazardous Wastes and the Form for confirmed cases of Illegal Traffic.
5. The above forms can be downloaded at: <http://www.sprep.org/legal/regional.htm>.

Recommendation

6. The Parties are invited to:
 - **table** any Reports they may have completed for 2022-2023;
 - **share** with the Secretariat and other Parties their experience on any instances of illegal traffic since September 2021; and
 - **urge** parties that had not yet done so to transmit to the Secretariat their completed forms on the transmission of information for 2023 and for previous years, as soon as possible and in electronic form, using the reporting forms adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its second meeting.

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