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Mr Henry Puna
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Dear Secretary General,

LETTER OF SUPPORT: 2050 STRATEGY FOR THE BLUE PACIFIC CONTINENT

I write with reference to the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent. We take note of its ongoing development, and that it will be imminently considered by Pacific Islands Forum Leaders. In this regard I wish to convey my agency's acknowledgement to the Co-Chairs of the FOC Sub-Committee on the 2050 Strategy and its wider membership, as well as to you for the work undertaken to date to develop the strategy, and for our enabling our continued engagement in the development process.

The Secretariat for the Pacific Regional Environment Programme has actively participated and contributed to this process through the various consultations, as well as through various meetings of the FOC sub-committee, the Informal Working Group of Members, and the CROP Taskforce on the 2050 Strategy over the course of the strategy's development.

Based on our involvement, we wish to convey our in-principle endorsement of the draft 2050 strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent, noting this is yet to be considered and by Leaders at the 51st Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, meeting scheduled for 12-14 July 2022 and also noting that the Leader endorsed Strategy will also need to be subsequently considered by the Third SPREP Executive Board in September 2022 or the SPREP Meeting.

Additionally, SPREP would like to convey our willingness to contribute to the development of the implementation plan, and the implementation of the 2050 Strategy. SPREP has a mandate in key thematic areas of the plan and has established coordination mechanisms, frameworks and networks that would enable us to lead, co-lead and support implementation. We hope to clarify our roles and responsibilities during the development of the implementation plan for the 2050 Strategy.



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Further to this, we also look forward to being closely engaged in the Review of Regional Architecture, which is to take place alongside the development of the implementation plan for the 2050 Strategy. We have shared the existing regional architecture under SPREP's purview with view of utilising this in the implementation of the 2050 Strategy.

Secretary General, I thank you once again for the ongoing collaboration and cooperation as we continue to progress this work.

Yours sincerely,

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Director General