RECOMMENDATIONS ONLY

Agenda Item 1: Opening

Agenda Item 2: Chair and Vice Chair

The Executive Board Meeting:

1) **Confirmed** the Representative of **Wallis and Futuna** as Chair.
2) **Confirmed** the Representative of **Vanuatu** as Vice-Chair.

Agenda Item 3: Adoption of Agenda and Working Procedures

The Executive Board Meeting:

1. **Considered** and **adopted** the Provisional Agenda.
2. **Agreed** on hours of work.

Agenda Item 4: Action Taken on Matters Arising from the 32nd SPREP Meeting

The Executive Board Meeting:

1) **Noted** actions taken against the decisions and directives of the Thirty-second SPREP Meeting.

Agenda item 5.1: Presentation of the Annual Report for 2025 and Director General's Overview of Progress since the 32nd SPREP Meeting

The Executive Board Meeting:

1) **Noted** the Director General's report.

Agenda item 5.2: Performance Implementation Plan (PIP4): Progress Towards Achieving Strategic Outcomes and High-Level Summary Report

The Executive Board Meeting:

1) **Noted** the PIP4 2024-2025 High-level Summary Report including progress in achieving strategic outcomes and the implementation of the 2024-2025 Work Programme and Budget;
2) **Noted** the update on CTSPFs and encouraged those Members yet to commence the CTSPF process to liaise with the Secretariat on plans to take this important work forward.

Agenda item 6.1: Audited Accounts for 2025

The Executive Board Meeting:

1) **Reviewed** and **adopted** the audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Report for 2025.

Agenda item 6.2: Audit Committee Report for 2025

The Executive Board Meeting:

1) **Noted and approved** the Audit Committee Report for the period 1 August 2025 to 3 July 2026.
2) **Welcomed** the continued support of Members, development partners, and donors.
3) **Encouraged** timely settlement of Member contributions and continued collaboration between Members and the Secretariat to support SPREP's mandate and long-term sustainability.
4) **Encouraged** the Secretariat to continue leveraging its accreditation status and strategic partnerships to enhance resource mobilisation and project opportunities.
5) **Supported** the continued strengthening of the Internal Audit function, including capacity-building, staffing resources, and digital capability.
6) **Noted** the importance of continued focus on enterprise risk management, organisational resilience, and emerging risks.
7) **Recorded** its appreciation to the Director General, Senior Leadership Team and staff for their contributions during the reporting period.
8) **Noted** the succession arrangements for the Audit Committee Chair and, should a successor not be appointed by 31 December 2026, **approved** the continuation of the current Chair on an interim basis until a successor is appointed.

Agenda Item 6.3: Report on Membership Contribution

The Executive Board Meeting:

1) **Considered** the report and urges Members to **address** the issue of outstanding member contributions.
2) **Committed** collectively and individually to paying current and outstanding contributions.

Agenda Item 6.4: Review of the updated Terms of Reference for the Executive Board and Membership arrangements

The Executive Board Meeting:

1) **Considered** the proposed changes to the rotational arrangements recommended by Troika and provided guidance to Troika and the Secretariat to continue the work of reviewing the Executive Board Terms of Reference to be presented to the 33rd SPREP Meeting in 2027.

Agenda item 6.5: Draft SPREP Strategic Plan 2027-2036

The Executive Board Meeting:

1) **Considered** the zero draft Strategic Plan 2027–2036.
2) **Endorsed** next steps for the finalisation of SPREP Strategic Plan 2027-2036. and
3) **Encouraged** Members in particular Pacific Island Members to join the Strategic Plan Working Group

Agenda item 6.6: SPREP Director General's Performance Assessment and Contract Renewal (Closed Session)

The Executive Board Meeting:

1) **Noted** and **endorsed** the review completed by the Troika of the DG's PDP for the period September 2025 - August 2026.
2) **Invited** all Members through a circular to propose relevant and appropriate specific targets they wish to be included in the DG's next PDP by the 30 September 2026.
3) **Approved** inclusion of a 360 degree feedback as part of the next PDP Review.
4) **Considered** the proposed amendment of the DG's contract term from four plus two to four plus four and recommended to be presented to the 33rd SPREP Meeting in 2027.

Agenda Item 7.1 : Implementing the Pacific Leaders Agenda Update on the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent implementation

The Executive Board Meeting:

1) **Noted** the progress on the 2050 Strategy implementation.
2) **Noted** the progress on the Pacific Small Island States reporting.
3) **Noted** and **discussed** the update on the Review of the Regional Architecture and the Report of the Review Committee that will be presented to and considered by the 55th Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting in Palau.
4) **Requested** the SPREP Troika and the Director General work closely together on any issues concerning the Review of the Regional Architecture

Agenda item: 7.2 – Consideration of SPREP Accreditation as a Global Environment Facility (GEF) Implementing Agency

The Executive Board Meeting:

1) **Noted** the GEF Council decision on Agency Expansion under GEF-9.
2) **Supported** the Secretariat's efforts to undertake the necessary institutional readiness and resource mobilisation activities to progress accreditation.
3) **Endorsed** the Secretariat pursuing accreditation as a GEF Agency under the approved Agency Expansion Procedure.

Agenda item 8.1: Update on preparations for COP31

The Executive Board Meeting:

1) **Noted** the outcomes of PSIDS engagement in COP30.
2) **Noted** the progress of preparations by SPREP and One CROP in the lead up to and at the UNFCCC COP31 in Antalya, Türkiye.

Agenda item 8.2: Update on preparations for CBD COP17

The Executive Board Meeting:

1) **Noted** the progress in preparation for CBD COP17, including the 11th Pacific Islands Conference for Nature Conservation to be held in Noumea, New Caledonia 7-11 September 2026 and the Preparations to the Pacific Regional CBD COP17 workshop to be held in Fiji, 21 – 25 September 2026.
2) **Encouraged** Members to engage actively in CBD COP17 preparatory processes, Pacific pre-COP, intersessional meetings, and COP17 negotiations.

Agenda item 8.3: Update on the outcomes of UNEA-7

The Executive Board Meeting:

1) **Noted** the outcomes of the UNEA7 **and requested** the Secretariat to assist and support Members towards achieving the UNEA7 resolutions and propose actions for UNEA8.

Agenda Item 9.1: Overview of Regional Goal 1: Pacific people benefit from strengthened resilience to climate change

The Executive Board Meeting:

1) **Noted** and **endorsed** the progress in the implementation of activities under Regional Goal 1 for the biennial 2026-2027.

Agenda Item 9.2: Overview of Regional Goal 2 - Pacific people benefit from healthy and resilient island and ocean ecosystems

The Executive Board Meeting:

1) **Noted** and **endorsed** the progress on the implementation of activities under Regional Goal 2 for the biennial period of 2026 – 2027.
2) **Noted** the update on the 11th Pacific Islands Conferences on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas

Agenda item 9.3: Overview of Regional Goal 3: Pacific people benefit from improved waste management and pollution control

The Executive Board Meeting:

1) **Noted** and **endorsed** progress in the implementation of activities under Regional Goal 3 for the biennial period 2026-2027.

Agenda item 9.4: Overview of Regional Goal 4: Pacific people and their environment benefit from commitment to best practice of environmental governance

The Executive Board Meeting:

1) **Noted** and **endorsed** progress in the implementation of activities under Regional Goal 3 for the biennial period 2026-2027.

Agenda Item 10.1: 2026-2027 Biennial Work Programme and Budget

The Executive Board Meeting:

1) **Considered** and **approved** the proposed Supplementary Work Programme and Budget of USD$36,908,718 for 2027. The provisional budget for 2027 as approved last year at the 32SM was USD$ 31,428,882.
2) **Noted** that a funding gap of USD$6,590,730 provision for Core expenditure for the 2027 Supplementary Budget is not reflected in the proposed budget due to inadequate funding available at the time the budget was prepared. The Secretariat will continue to explore funding sources to address the gap as funding opportunities arise.

Agenda Item 11: Items Proposed by Members

11.1: 2028-2029 Pacific Year of the Reef

The Executive Board Meeting:

1) **Noted** this proposal was prepared in cooperation with SPREP.
2) **Endorsed** the proposal to declare 2028 and 2029 as the Pacific Year of the Reef.
3) **Endorsed** SPREP to develop and coordinate activities associated with the Pacific Year of the Reef as outlined in this paper.
4) **Invited** Members to contribute towards the development of the program of work for the Pacific Year of the Reef.

Agenda Item 12: Other Business

The Executive Board Meeting:

1) **Noted** the information shared by France and the Secretariat on the status of BBNJ

Agenda Item 13: Dates of the 33rd SPREP Meeting

The Executive Board Meeting:

1) **Agreed** to tentatively convene the 33rd SPREP Meeting during the first week of September 2027 subject to CROP Governing Council arrangements.

Agenda Item 14: Adoption of the Outcomes of the 5th Executive Board Meeting

The Meeting is invited to:

1) **Adopt** the agreed outcomes of the Fifth Executive Board Meeting.
2) **Note** that the draft full record of the Fifth Executive Board Meeting will be circulated to Members for consideration no later than two weeks following the closing of the Meeting.