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TO: Parties to the Noumea Convention (Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, France, Naoero, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, United States of America)

SUBJECT: **Tuvalu as a New Party to the Noumea Convention and Review of the First Draft Sustainable Financing Strategy**

Dear Contracting Parties,

On behalf of the Secretariat, I would like to warmly welcome Tuvalu as a new Party to the Noumea Convention, having formally ratified the Convention on 16 August 2026 as per Diplomatic Note from the Depository. We look forward to Tuvalu's participation and to its engagement with all Parties in strengthening the implementation of the Noumea Convention particularly in addressing emerging environmental issues and challenges affecting our Pacific region.

Further to the SPREP Circular 26/22 which circulated the Draft Terms of Reference for the Consultancy on the Development of a Sustainable Financing Strategy for the Noumea Convention, I am pleased to inform Parties that the Draft Sustainable Financing Strategy is now available for review and comments.

The Sustainable Financing Strategy is a key priority activity under the Noumea Convention Workplan and Budget as approved at the 18th Conference of the Parties meeting in 2025. The purpose of the Strategy is to establish a more predictable, diversified and implementable financing framework for the Noumea Convention. It further seeks to strengthen the financial basis for the Convention's core institutional functions.

Parties are invited to provide comments or feedback on the attached Draft Sustainable Financing Strategy directly to Kathleen Taituave-Afereti on email kathleent@sprep.org by the **14 October 2026.**

Please contact Kathleen Taituave-Afereti at the email address above should you require further clarifications or additional information.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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