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GRANT ARRANGEMENT

This **GRANT ARRANGEMENT** expresses the understandings of the Government of Australia (represented by the **Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**) (hereinafter referred to as “GoA”) and **Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme** (hereinafter referred to as “SPREP”) (collectively referred to as “the Partners”) regarding the provision of **grant funding** by GoA to SPREP for GoA support core funding to SPREP (hereinafter referred to as the “**Program**”).

This Arrangement is made under paragraph 5 of the Partnership Arrangement between the Government of Australia and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme 2021 – 2031 (the ‘Partnership’).

1. OBJECTIVES

1.1 The objectives of the **Program**; is as follows:

- (a) To promote cooperation in the Pacific region and assistance to protect and improve its environment, through:
 - i. a strong relationship between GoA and SPREP
- (b) effective and efficient service delivery in support of SPREP’s role in responding to member priorities, coordinating with development partners, and engagement with CROP agencies and other regional collaboration to avoid duplication
- (c) to ensure sustainable development for present and future generations, through:
 - i. financial support to SPREP to deliver its Strategic Plan.
- (d) to enhance SPREP capabilities (people, systems and processes) to deliver:
 - i. transparent financial budgeting and reporting, including implementation of full cost recovery practices
 - ii. effective corporate systems in managing resources, adopting transparency and accountability mechanisms
 - iii. improved practices and systems to support people and programs, including MEL and improved planning
 - iv. mainstreaming of GEDSI principles across SPREP.

2. DURATION OF GoA SUPPORT TO THE PROGRAM

2.1 **GoA support for the Program** will commence on or around **15 May 2025** (hereinafter referred to as the “Commencement Date”).

2.2 **GoA support for the Program** will continue until no later than **18 May 2031** (hereinafter referred to as the “Completion Date”) unless otherwise mutually determined by the Partners in writing.



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2.3 SPREP will inform GoA in writing when the **Program** has been completed.

3. CONTACT REPRESENTATIVES

3.1 The contact representatives for each of the Partners will be:

For GoA:

Name: Bridgette Cottrill
 Position: Senior Policy and Development Officer
 Section: Pacific Climate Section
 Street/postal Address: RG Casey Building, John McEwen Crescent Barton
 ACT 0221, Australia
 Email: bridgette.cottrill@dfat.gov.au

or other contact representative(s) and details as GoA may notify to SPREP in writing

For SPREP:

Name: Easter Chu Shing
 Position: Deputy Director General
 Street Address: Avele Street, Apia, Samoa
 Postal Address: PO Box 240, Samoa
 Email: easterc@sprep.org

or other contact representative(s) and details as SPREP may notify to GoA in writing.

4. THE CONTRIBUTION

4.1 GoA will contribute to SPREP a total amount of up to AUD \$24,750,000 (hereinafter referred to as "the Contribution") in accordance with the payment schedule outlined below (and as further detailed in Annex 1):

Table 1: Payment Schedule

Indicative Date	Tranche	Tranche Release Conditions	Amount (AUD)
30 May 2025	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrangement is signed by both Partners. Submission by SPREP of a valid invoice. 	\$4,500,000
1 October 2026	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission by SPREP of a valid invoice. Prior submission of financial acquittal for calendar year 2025 (due by 1 April 2026). Acceptance by GoA of activities and outcomes reported against the previous calendar year. 	\$4,500,000
1 October 2027	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission by SPREP of a valid invoice. 	\$4,500,000

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior submission of financial acquittal for calendar year 2026 (due by 1 April 2027). • Acceptance by GoA of activities and outcomes reported against the previous calendar year. 	
1 October 2028	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission by SPREP of a valid invoice. • Prior submission of financial acquittal for calendar year 2027 (due by 1 April 2028). • Acceptance by GoA of activities and outcomes reported against the previous calendar year. 	\$4,500,000
1 October 2029	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission by SPREP of a valid invoice. • Prior submission of financial acquittal for calendar year 2028 (due by 1 April 2029). • Acceptance by GoA of activities and outcomes reported against the previous calendar year. 	\$4,500,000
1 October 2030	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission by SPREP of a valid invoice. • Prior submission of financial acquittal for calendar year 2029 (due by 1 April 2030). • Acceptance by GoA of activities and outcomes reported against the previous calendar year. 	\$2,250,000
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT			\$24,750,000

- 4.2 GoA will pay tranche number 1 within thirty (30) days of signature of this Arrangement by both Partners and GoA receiving a payment request from SPREP.
- 4.3 GoA will pay subsequent tranches on or around the indicative dates set out above, subject to SPREP satisfying the relevant Tranche Release Condition, followed by GoA receiving a payment request from SPREP and SPREP making satisfactory progress as determined by GoA. If payment conditions outlined above are not met by the timeline, a meeting between the contract parties will be held to determine next steps and agree to a specific action plan.
- 4.4 GoA will deposit the Contribution into the following bank account:
- Name:** SPREP USD Working Account
Account Number: 01-849599-07
Bank: Bank South Pacific (Samoa) Ltd
Bank Address: Beach Road, PO Box 1860, Apia Samoa
SWIFT Code: BOSPWSWS



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- 4.5 SPREP will immediately acknowledge to GoA in writing receipt of **each** Contribution.
- 4.6 Payment of the Contribution will be subject to GoA's budget allocation and the aid priorities of the Australian Government.
- 5. ADMINISTRATION AND UTILISATION OF THE CONTRIBUTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM**
- 5.1 SPREP will utilise Australia's core funding in accordance with SPREP's Strategic Plan, the provisions of this Arrangement and the head Partnership Agreement. Subject to SPREP's ability to provide GoA with outcomes-focused performance reporting in accordance with the agreed SPREP-DFAT Results Framework, and transparent financial reporting at least annually.
- 5.2 SPREP will administer the Contribution and the **Program** in accordance with SPREP's regulations, rules, policies and procedures including those relating to procurement, anti-corruption, prevention, detection and investigation of fraud and recovery of funds the subject of fraud.
- 5.3 SPREP will:
- (a) maintain a sound administrative and financial management system capable of verifying financial **statements**;
 - (b) keep proper detailed accounts and records and asset registers and adequate **Program** records, providing clear audit trails in relation to expenditure of the Contribution;
 - (c) use the Contribution as outlined in the Objectives and subsequent SPREP-DFAT Results Framework; and
 - (d) use any interest income earned on and attributable to the Contribution in accordance with SPREP's regulations, rules, policies and procedures.
- 5.4 SPREP will immediately inform GoA of any circumstance which may interfere or threaten to interfere with the successful implementation of the purpose for which the Contribution has or will be provided and, with a view to resolving the issue, will consult with GoA.
- 5.5 If, following consultation with SPREP, GoA is of the view that the Contribution has not been used in a manner consistent with the provisions of this Arrangement, or if GoA is of the view that changes have occurred that could negatively affect the purpose for which the Contribution has or will be provided, GoA may:
- (a) withhold or suspend any further payments to SPREP, until GoA is of the view that the issue has been satisfactorily resolved;
 - (b) reclaim all or part of the Contribution already paid to SPREP that has not been disbursed or irrevocably committed by SPREP in accordance with this Arrangement; and/or
 - (c) terminate this Arrangement (in which case the paragraph headed 'Termination' will apply).



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- 5.6 Any part of the Contribution and any interest income earned on and attributable to the Contribution that has not been expended on or committed for expenditure to the **Program** prior to the Completion Date will be refunded to GoA by SPREP with the final financial statement.

6. RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTION

- 6.1 SPREP will acknowledge GoA's Contribution and any other relevant GoA support for the **Program** in any promotional material including speeches, media statements and publications. In doing so, SPREP will make it clear that SPREP is responsible for implementation of the Program, and that the Contribution is from GoA through the use of the Australian Aid identifier. Guidelines are available on the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's website.
- 6.2 Acknowledgement of Australian support for the **Program** will be guided by the Communications Plan under the Partnership.

7. PROGRAM PLANNING

- 7.1 SPREP will provide GoA with the following **Program** planning documentation in accordance with the following timeframes (and as further detailed in Annex 1):
- (a) within three months of the Commencement Date, implementation planning documentation for the **Program** through a Results Framework 2026-2031 that outlines the activities, governance, coordination, monitoring arrangements and budget, consistent with SPREP's Performance Implementation Plans and Strategic Plan;
 - (b) within three months of the Commencement Date, a monitoring and evaluation results framework for the **Program** outlining key performance indicators, with clear annual targets, and defined strategic outcomes consistent with the Partnership and the Performance Assessment Framework attached to the Partnership. DFAT will be provided with a draft for review and approval within one month of the Commencement Date; and
 - (c) no later than three months after the commencement of each calendar year during the period in which the Contribution is expended, an agreed annual priorities list and program planning documentation outlining the proposed Program activities and budget for that calendar year.
- 7.2 GoA will review and provide approval in writing of all **Program** planning documentation.
- 7.3 SPREP will update the risk management plan for the **Program** provided as part of the agreed **SPREP-DFAT Results Framework** at least annually, based on performance information assessments. SPREP will provide GoA with updates to the risk management plan made during this Arrangement.
- 7.4 SPREP will provide SPREP Members for approval annually, either at the SPREP Meeting or SPREP Executive Board Meeting under the Work Programme and Budget agenda item, a forward annual budget for how the contribution will be used.



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- 7.5 SPREP notes a particular risk if GoA is unable to see value in engaging SPREP under this Arrangement and discontinues funding. In mitigating this risk, SPREP will:
- (a) cultivate and develop key relationships with partners in proposal development;
 - (b) check in frequently with partners during implementation;
 - (c) tightly monitor progress of programmes and projects, and ensures key achievements and challenges are included in the Annual Progress report;
 - (d) manage its Project Coordination Unit to bring greater focus and structure to the way that SPREP develops and manages activities, providing an expert technical project design service for SPREP programmes and projects, and to support Members;
 - (e) implement internal control procedures, such as budgets and expenditure checks; and
 - (f) ensure its internal audit processes are fit-for-purpose,
- 7.6 GoA may reasonably request SPREP to provide, initiate or participate in any dialogue, planning, implementation, or progress reporting, in a format and within a timeframe mutually determined by both Partners, related to:
- (a) Organisational reviews or assessments, for example but not limited to the:
 - i. Independent Corporate Review of SPREP;
 - ii. Mid-Term Review of the SPREP Strategic Plan;
 - iii. Independent review of the Partnership; or
 - iv. Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's due diligence assessment.
 - (b) SPREP corporate strategies or policies, for example but not limited to SPREP's:
 - i. People Strategy;
 - ii. Partnership Engagement and Resource Mobilisation Strategy;
 - iii. Fraud Prevention and Whistleblower Policy; or
 - iv. Gender Policy.

8. PROGRAM OUTPUTS AND OUTCOMES REPORTING

- 8.1 SPREP will provide GoA with the following Program Progress and Outcomes reports in accordance with the following timeframes (and as further detailed in **Annex 1**):
- (a) Within three months of the commencement of a calendar year in which the Contribution is expended, an annual progress report for that previous calendar year (or since the Commencement Date if there is no previous progress report), guided by the results framework and summarising the activities undertaken, key outputs, outcomes and progress towards achievement of the **Program** objectives; and



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- (b) within three months of the Completion Date or any earlier termination of this Arrangement, a final report guided by the results framework and outlining key performance indicators summarising the Program activities undertaken, key outputs, outcomes and progress towards achievement of the **Program** objectives from the Commencement date to the Completion Date.

9. FINANCIAL REPORTING

9.1 SPREP will provide GoA with the following financial reports in accordance with the following timeframe (and as further detailed in **Annex 1**):

- (a) within three months of the commencement of a calendar year in which the Contribution is expensed, an annual financial acquittal, including a summary of spending against SPREP's thematic priorities, for that previous calendar year (or since the Commencement Date if there is no previous financial statement), certified by the Comptroller of SPREP and also independently audited; and
- (b) within three months of the Completion Date or any earlier termination of this Arrangement, a financial statement covering the period from the Commencement Date to the Completion Date, certified by the Comptroller of SPREP and also independently audited.

10. PROCUREMENT

10.1 If the Contribution is used for procurement, SPREP will ensure that:

- (a) the procurement is undertaken in a manner that achieves value for money;
- (b) the procurement promotes the use of resources in an efficient, effective and ethical manner; and
- (c) decisions regarding the procurement are made in an accountable and transparent manner.

11. FRAUD

- 11.1 For the purpose of this paragraph, 'fraudulent activity', 'fraudulent' or 'fraud' means: dishonestly obtaining a benefit, or causing a loss, by deception or other means.
- 11.2 SPREP, its Delivery Organisations and its subcontractors will not engage in any fraudulent activity. SPREP is responsible for preventing and detecting fraud.
- 11.3 SPREP will report in writing within 5 working days to GoA any detected, suspected, or attempted fraudulent activity involving an Initiative.
- 11.4 In the event of detected, suspected or attempted fraud and in consultation with GoA, SPREP will develop and implement a strategy to investigate, based on the principles set out in the Australian Government Investigations Standards. SPREP will undertake the investigation at SPREP's cost.
- 11.5 Following the conclusion of an investigation, where the investigation finds SPREP, an employee or a subcontractor of SPREP, the Delivery Organisation, an employee or a subcontractor of the Delivery Organisation has acted in a fraudulent manner, SPREP will:



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- () where money has been misappropriated, pay to GoA the full value of the Grant funds that have been misappropriated; or
 - (a) where an item of property has been misappropriated, either return the item to GoA or if the item cannot be recovered or has been damaged so that it is no longer usable, replace the item with one of equal quality;
 - (b) refer the matter to the relevant Partner Country police or other authorities responsible for prosecution of fraudulent activity; and
 - (c) keep GoA informed, in writing, on a monthly basis, of the progress of the recovery action.
- 11.6 Following the conclusion of an investigation, where the investigation finds that a person or entity other than SPREP, an employee or subcontractor of SPREP, the Delivery Organisation, an employee or a subcontractor of the Delivery Organisation, have acted in a fraudulent manner, SPREP will, at SPREP's cost:
- (a) make every effort to recover any Grant funds or funded property acquired or distributed through fraudulent activity, including without limitation, the following:
 - i. take recovery action in accordance with recovery procedures, including civil litigation, available in the Partner Country;
 - ii. refer the matter to the relevant Partner Country police or other authorities responsible for prosecution of fraudulent activity; and
 - iii. keep GoA informed, in writing, on a monthly basis, of the progress of the recovery action.
- 11.7 If SPREP considers that after all reasonable action has been taken to recover the Grant funds or funded property and full recovery has not been achieved or recovery has only been achieved in part, SPREP may seek approval from GoA that no further recovery action be taken. SPREP will provide to GoA all information, records and documents sought by GoA to enable the GoA delegate to make a decision on whether to approve non-recovery of Grant funds or funded property.
- 12. COUNTER TERRORISM**
- 12.1 Consistent with UN Security Council Resolutions relating to terrorism, including UNSC Resolution 1373 (2001) and 1267 (1999) and related resolutions, both GoA and SPREP are firmly committed to the international fight against terrorism, and in particular, against the financing of terrorism. It is the policy of GoA to seek to ensure that none of its funds are used, directly or indirectly, to provide support to individuals or entities associated with terrorism. In accordance with this policy, SPREP undertakes to use its best endeavours to ensure that funds provided under this Arrangement are not used to provide support to individuals or entities associated with terrorism. If, during this Arrangement, SPREP discovers a link with any organisation or individual associated with terrorism, it will inform GoA immediately.
- 12.2 SPREP acknowledges that the Australian Government has adopted a policy and laws consistent with relevant international counter-terrorism treaties and UN Security Council



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Resolutions 1267 (1999), 1373 (2001) and successor resolutions of not providing direct or indirect support or resources to organisations and individuals associated with terrorism.

- 12.3 SPREP will use its best endeavours to ensure that funding provided under this Arrangement is expended in a manner consistent with international counter-terrorism treaties, UN Security Council Resolutions on terrorism and related Australian laws. If, during this Arrangement, SPREP discovers any link whatsoever with any organisation or individual listed by the United Nations 1267 Committee or the Australian Government as associated with terrorism, it will inform GoA immediately.

13. ANTI-CORRUPTION

- 13.1 GoA and SPREP are committed to preventing and detecting corruption and bribery. SPREP through its employees, agents or representatives will not make or cause to be made, or receive or seek to receive, any offer, gift or payment, consideration or benefit of any kind, which would or could be construed as an illegal or corrupt practice, either directly or indirectly to any partner, as an inducement or reward in relation to the implementation of this Arrangement. SPREP will promptly notify GoA of any suspected or detected corruption or bribery affecting this Arrangement and actions taken by SPREP in response.
- 13.2 SPREP will use its best endeavours to ensure that any employee, agent, representative or other entity involved in under this Arrangement will also adhere with this paragraph headed 'Anti-Corruption'.
- 13.3 Following the conclusion of an investigation, where the investigation finds that a person or entity other than SPREP, an employee or subcontractor of SPREP, the delivery organisation, an employee or a subcontractor of the delivery organisation, have acted in a fraudulent manner, SPREP will, at SPREP's cost:
- (a) make every effort to recover any Grant funds or funded property acquired or distributed through fraudulent activity, including without limitation, the following:
 - (b) take recovery action in accordance with recovery procedures, including civil litigation, available in the Partner Country;
 - (c) refer the matter to the relevant Partner Country police or other authorities responsible for prosecution of fraudulent activity; and
 - (d) keep GoA informed, in writing, on a monthly basis, of the progress of the recovery action.
- 13.4 If SPREP considers that after all reasonable action has been taken to recover the Grant funds or funded property and full recovery has not been achieved or recovery has only been achieved in part, SPREP may seek approval from GoA that no further recovery action be taken. SPREP will provide to GoA all information, records and documents sought by GoA to enable the GoA delegate to make a decision on whether to approve non-recovery of Grant funds or funded property.

14. AUDIT

- 14.1 The Contribution and all financial statements will be subject to the internal and external independent auditing procedures provided for in SPREP's financial regulations, rules, policies and procedures.



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- 14.2 SPREP will promptly provide GoA with copies of its internal and external independent audit reports. If an audit report or auditing procedure reveals any irregularities relevant to the Contribution, SPREP will immediately bring the information to the attention of GoA.
- 14.3 GoA and its authorised representatives may audit and inspect SPREP's financial records which relate to this Arrangement. SPREP will provide adequate facilities for audit and inspection of its financial records pertaining to this Arrangement at all reasonable times and allow copies and extracts to be taken.

15. ASSETS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

- 15.1 Ownership of any assets, equipment or supplies purchased with the Contribution will vest in SPREP. SPREP may transfer the ownership of those assets, equipment or supplies in accordance with its relevant policies and procedures.

16. MONITORING, REVIEW AND EVALUATION

- 16.1 SPREP and GoA will be guided by the Results Framework 2026-2031 defined within the Performance Assessment Framework attached to the Partnership in monitoring and evaluating the use of the Contribution.
- 16.2 SPREP will continue to integrate the key indicators on innovation, gender and social inclusion mainstreaming in all reporting.
- 16.3 GoA may participate in any formal monitoring, reviews and or evaluation initiatives undertaken by SPREP. SPREP will inform GoA of any planned formal reviews or evaluation and will invite GoA to participate in such reviews or evaluations.
- 16.4 GoA may initiate a review of the Program or Partnership, consistent with paragraph 5 of the Partnership. GoA will inform SPREP of any planned reviews and will invite SPREP to participate in such reviews.
- 16.5 Where possible, GoA will utilise SPREP's current reporting mechanisms to support monitoring and evaluation progresses to minimise the reporting imposed on SPREP.
- 16.6 GoA will use annual progress reports and financial statements provided by SPREP to support internal annual performance review processes as required for development funding arrangements.

17. AMENDMENTS

- 17.1 This Arrangement (including any annexes, attachments or the like) may be amended at any time as mutually determined between the Partners in writing by way of exchange of letters.

18. TERMINATION

- 18.1 This Arrangement may be terminated at any time by either Partner by way of notice in writing to the other Partner.
- 18.2 Prior to terminating this Arrangement, the Partner contemplating termination will endeavour to consult with the other Partner.

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- 18.3 If this Arrangement is terminated by either Partner, SPREP will continue to hold any unexpended amount of the Contribution paid to SPREP, until all payment commitments incurred, in accordance with this Arrangement, prior to the date of receipt of the notice of termination, have been satisfied. SPREP will promptly refund to GoA any part of the Contribution (including any interest income) that remains unexpended after any such payment commitments have been satisfied, unless GoA at its absolute and sole discretion decides formally in writing that SPREP may use any such funds for the same purpose and consistent with the provisions of this Arrangement.

19. STATUS OF ARRANGEMENT

- 19.1 This Arrangement serves only as a record of its Partners' intentions and does not constitute or create (and is not intended to create) obligations under domestic or international law and will not give rise to any legal process and will not be deemed to constitute or create any legally binding obligations (expressed or implied).

20. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

- 20.1 Any dispute, controversy, or claim, which arises out of the interpretation or application of this Arrangement, will not be subject to adjudication or arbitration; but will instead be dealt with through amicable consultations and negotiations as the only method of achieving the peaceful settlement of that dispute, controversy, or claim.

21. REQUEST FOR PAYMENT

- 21.1 SPREP will submit to GoA a request for payment of the Contribution when due in accordance with this Arrangement, in a form identifying the Arrangement title, the Arrangement number and the Payment Event number(s) notified by GoA.

- 21.2 All requests for payment will be made to:

Chief Finance Officer
 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
 R.G Casey Building
 John McEwen Crescent
 Barton ACT 0221
 AUSTRALIA

- 21.3 Alternatively, GoA will accept electronic requests for payment. These can be sent to: accountsprocessing@dfat.gov.au and should also be copied to the GoA contact representative/s specified in this Arrangement.

22. GENDER, EQUITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION PRINCIPLES

- 22.1 GoA has committed to supporting partners to integrate gender equality and women's empowerment into policies, legislation and programs and strengthen the collection and analysis of data to better track outcomes.
- 22.2 The integration of gender, equity and social inclusion principles is a priority of all Australian aid funded projects and consistent with paragraph 6 of the Partnership, the inclusion of Gender, Equity and Social Inclusion principles will be a key performance indicator for the Program.



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23. PREVENTION OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND HARASSMENT

- 23.1 GoA and SPREP have a zero tolerance approach towards sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment ("SEAH"). This means SPREP and its implementing partners will take all reasonable and adequate steps to prevent SEAH of any person linked to the delivery of this Arrangement by both its employees and any implementing partner and respond appropriately when reports of SEAH arise.
- 23.2 SPREP will adhere to the following reporting requirements:
- (a) SPREP will promptly contact through written notice to report any allegation credible enough to warrant an investigation of SEAH related to this Arrangement, seah.reports@dfat.gov.au
- (b) SPREP should also promptly report to any allegation credible enough to warrant an investigation of SEAH that is not directly related to this Arrangement but would be of significant impact to the partnership with Australia.
- 23.3 The report, as referred to in paragraph 23.2(a) and 23.2(b), will indicate: arrangement number, nature of the alleged misconduct, date of alleged misconduct, date of first report to SPREP, location, involvement of implementing partner, state of affairs concerning the investigation and the action that will be taken by SPREP, and whether the case is referred to law enforcement. The organisation will provide updates on the status of the case given in writing and delivered to the point of contact mentioned in paragraph 23.2(a) and 23.2(b).
- 23.4 It is understood and accepted that SPREP's arrangement to report on SEAH is subject to not compromising the safety, security, privacy and due process rights of any concerned persons.
- 23.5 When SPREP becomes aware of suspicions or complaints of SEAH, SPREP will take swift and appropriate action to stop harm occurring, investigate and report to relevant authorities (for criminal matters) when safe to do so and after considering the wishes of the survivor.
- 23.6 DFAT or any of its duly authorised representatives may at all times carry out reviews, evaluations or other control measures to verify SPREP's zero tolerance for SEAH. SPREP shall fully cooperate with DFAT or any of its duly authorised representatives or agents to carry out such control measures.

24. CHILD PROTECTION

- 24.1 Australia is a State Party to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. DFAT's commitment to upholding the rights and obligations under this convention is reflected in the DFAT Child Protection Policy located at: www.dfat.gov.au/childprotection
- 24.2 SPREP will not engage in any practice inconsistent with the rights set forth in the Convention on the Rights of the Child. SPREP acknowledge DFAT's commitment to child protection as set out in the DFAT Child Protection Policy.
- 24.3 With respect to funds provided under this Grant, SPREP is responsible for protecting children from exploitation and abuse in accordance with the principles set out under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and within its own governance and policy framework, applicable regulations, rules, administrative issuances, policies and procedures.



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- 24.4 When SPREP becomes aware of suspicions or complaints of child harm. SPREP will take swift and appropriate action to stop harm occurring, investigate and report to relevant authorities (for criminal matters) when safe to do so.
- 24.5 SPREP will promptly report to any allegation credible enough to warrant an investigation of child harm related to this Arrangement.
- 24.6 Where practicable, SPREP will consult with DFAT prior to the publication or release of information relating to Child Protection.

25. TRANSPARENCY

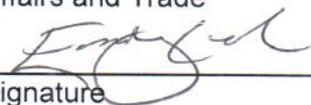
- 25.1 GoA and SPREP are both committed to principles of transparency. GoA will periodically publish detailed information about work under this Arrangement on the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's website. This will include information about SPREP's policies, plans, processes, the results of the SPREP's aid activities and evaluations of SPREP's performance. GoA and SPREP will consult prior to publication or release of information regarded as sensitive (for example, fraud or corruption matters).

26. FAMILY PLANNING AND THE AID PROGRAM

- 26.1 SPREP acknowledges and will act in accordance with the guideline titled Family Planning and the Aid Program: Guiding Principles accessible at <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/family-planning-and-the-aid-program-guiding-principles>.

Signed by authorised officials of the Partners in duplicate in the English language

FOR the GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA
represented by the Department of Foreign
Affairs and Trade



Signature

EMILY LUCK

Name

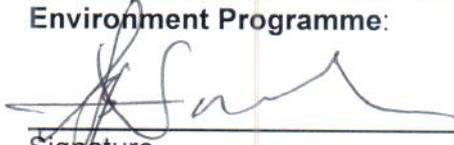
ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DFAT

Position

15 May 2025

Date

**FOR the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional
Environment Programme:**



Signature

STEFANIA NAWAWARA

Name

DIRECTOR GENERAL

Position

15th May 2025

Date



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ANNEX 1**Project Planning and Reporting Timeframes**

This table clarifies the reporting planning and reporting requirements specified in paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 of the Arrangement.

Submission date	Submission requirements
Within three months from Commencement Date	<p>Implementation planning documentation for the Program that outlines the activities, governance, coordination, monitoring arrangements and budget (paragraph 7.1.a)</p> <p>A monitoring and evaluation results framework for the Program outlining key performance indicators, with clear annual targets and defined strategic outcomes consistent with the Partnership and the Performance Assessment Framework attached to the Partnership. (paragraph 7.1.b)</p>
1 October 2025	Program planning documentation covering 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2026 (paragraph 7.1.c)
1 April 2026	<p>The updated risk management plan for the Program provided as part of the Program Concept Note (paragraph 7.2)</p> <p>Project progress and outcomes report covering Commencement Date to 31 December 2025 (paragraph 8.1.a)</p> <p>Financial statement covering Commencement Date to 31 December 2025 (paragraph 9.1.a)</p>
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1 October 2030	Program planning documentation covering 1 January 2031 to 18 May 2031 (paragraph 7.1.c)
1 April 2031	The updated risk management plan for the Program provided as part of the Program Concept Note (paragraph 7.2) Project progress and outcomes report covering 1 January 2030 to 31 December 2030 (paragraph 8.1.a) Financial statement covering 1 January 2030 to 31 December 2030 (paragraph 9.1.a)
18 August 2031	Final report covering Commencement Date to Completion Date (paragraph 8.1.b) Final audited financial statement covering Commencement Date to Completion Date (paragraph 9.1.b)