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PACIFIC GOVERNMENTS CALL ON WORLD LEADERS TO JOIN CVF VIRTUAL SUMMIT

- 49th Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting lends support to CVF Summit and issues call on World Leaders

Yaren, Nauru—Wednesday 5 September 2018: The Heads of State and Government of the Pacific Islands Forum today called on world leaders to participate in the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) Virtual Summit in solidarity with the most vulnerable nations.

Welcoming the issue of the Pacific Leaders’ Forum Communique for the CVF presidency, H.E. Mr. John Silk, Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Marshall Islands said:

“The Pacific has stood united behind the importance of the CVF Virtual Summit and the need to step up climate action for 2020. The Marshall Islands appreciates not only the support of the Pacific Islands Forum leaders for the Summit, but also the call from the Pacific to World Leaders to join us online on 22 November.”

He added that “We look forward to the response from the leaders of other regions, joining the many Heads of Government who have already confirmed their participation in the CVF Virtual Summit this November.”

The Forum Communique issued today in Nauru stated:

“Leaders supported the Climate Vulnerable Forum Virtual Summit of Heads of Government hosted by the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the first to use an innovative entirely online format, on 22 November 2018, as a UNFCCC Talanoa Dialogue event towards increased ambition in climate action by 2020. Leaders called on world leaders to participate in solidarity with the most vulnerable nations.”

The Marshall Islands as chair of the CVF convenes the first intergovernmental leaders’ Summit in an entirely online format on 22 November 2018 (#VirtualClimateSummit). H.E. Hilda Heine, Hon. President of the Marshall Islands, extended an invitation to join the Summit to any leader prepared to do more to stand in solidarity with vulnerable nations by 2020.

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About the Climate Vulnerable Forum:

The Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) is an international cooperation group for developing countries highly vulnerable to climate change. Since its foundation in 2009 the CVF has come to include 48 member states from Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America and the Pacific. In 2015, the Ministers of Finance of the Forum created a dedicated body named the Vulnerable Twenty Group, or V20, to promote economic and financial responses to climate change. The Forum has led the #1o5C campaign to limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, now a Paris Agreement Goal. The Marshall Islands exercises the 7th presidency of the Forum. More info at: www.thecvf.org & www.V-20.org

2018 CVF Virtual Summit:

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