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Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum

The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its resolutions [49/1](#) of 17 October 1994, [59/20](#) of 8 November 2004, [61/48](#) of 4 December 2006, [63/200](#) of 19 December 2008, [65/316](#) of 12 September 2011, [67/303](#) of 16 September 2013, [69/318](#) of 10 September 2015 and [71/316](#) of 19 July 2017,

Recognizing the key role the Pacific Islands Forum continues to play in promoting sustainable development, environmental protection, good governance and peace and security, as well as supporting integrated ocean policy, in the Pacific through regional cooperation,

Taking note, in this regard, of the Framework for Pacific Regionalism adopted by Pacific Islands Forum leaders in July 2014, as well as the “Blue Pacific” narrative of September 2017 on the Pacific region’s collective action on shared stewardship of the Pacific Ocean interlinking Pacific people with their natural resources, environment, culture and livelihoods, the Pacific Road Map for Sustainable Development of September 2017 and the Communiqué of the Forty-ninth Pacific Islands Forum of September 2018,



Recalling the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway,¹ the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,² the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development,³ the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change⁴ and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030,⁵

Recognizing the important role and contribution of the United Nations system in the region of the Pacific Islands Forum members,

Recalling the unique and particular vulnerabilities of small island developing States and the global commitment to take urgent and concrete action to address those vulnerabilities, including through the sustained and effective implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,⁶ the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States⁷ and the Samoa Pathway,

Reaffirming the importance of enhanced high-level dialogue between the members of the Pacific Islands Forum and the United Nations, including regular meetings between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and Forum leaders, and recalling with appreciation the first-ever participation by a Secretary-General at a Forum, at the forty-second Forum, held on 7 and 8 September 2011 in Auckland, New Zealand, and the summit meetings between the Secretary-General and Forum leaders held in New York on 26 September 2012, 26 September 2014, 1 October 2015, 23 September 2016, 22 September 2017 and 28 September 2018,

Mindful of recent developments at the United Nations of particular interest to Pacific Islands Forum members, including the proclamation by the General Assembly of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development,⁸

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations,⁹

Welcoming the continued mutually beneficial dialogue between the Pacific Islands Forum leaders and the Secretary-General,

1. *Encourages* the scheduling of the next meeting between the Secretary-General and Pacific Islands Forum leaders for September 2019, on the margins of the general debate;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the visit of the Secretary-General to the region of the Pacific Islands Forum members from 12 to 18 May 2019, and in this regard welcomes the high-level political dialogue held between the Pacific Islands Forum leaders and the Secretary-General on 15 May 2019 at the headquarters of the Forum;

¹ Resolution 69/15, annex.

² Resolution 70/1.

³ Resolution 69/313, annex.

⁴ See FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1, decision 1/CP.21, annex.

⁵ Resolution 69/283, annex II.

⁶ *Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April–6 May 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigenda), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

⁷ *Report of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Port Louis, Mauritius, 10–14 January 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.05.II.A.4 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

⁸ Resolution 72/73, para. 292.

⁹ A/73/328-S/2018/592.

3. *Recalls* the joint statements issued by Pacific Islands Forum leaders and the Secretary-General on 7 September 2011, 26 September 2012 and 29 September 2014, and urges further progress towards their practical implementation in a timely manner;

4. *Urges* the United Nations system to align its work programmes and operations in the region of the Forum members in accordance with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system¹⁰ and in support of internationally agreed outcomes, including the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway,¹ the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,² the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development,³ the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change⁴ and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030,⁵ taking into account the priorities of the Pacific Islands Forum members, including as reflected in relevant regional agreements;

5. *Welcomes* the convening of the interregional meeting for all small island developing States, held in Apia from 30 October to 1 November 2018, in order to undertake a review of progress in the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway at the national and regional levels;

6. *Looks forward* to the high-level review of the progress made in addressing the priorities of small island developing States through the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway on 27 September 2019;

7. *Recalls* its decision to convene the high-level 2020 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development in Lisbon, from 2 to 6 June 2020, to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14;

8. *Encourages* continued support from the United Nations system for the efforts of Pacific States and relevant regional organizations to achieve sustainable development, and calls for greater accountability and regular reporting with regard to the support provided by the United Nations system, including through its regional and country programmes, to Pacific island States;

9. *Welcomes* the progress towards enhancing cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum and its associated institutions, and urges them to continue to strengthen their partnership and regional collaboration for the implementation of internationally agreed outcomes in the region of the Forum members;

10. *Also welcomes* the substantive progress achieved by the Pacific Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency since its establishment in Tonga in 2017, with a view to forming an emerging global network of regional centres, thereby expanding dialogue and cooperation on sustainable energy;

11. *Takes note* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled “Comprehensive review of United Nations system support for small island developing States: final findings”, prepared pursuant to resolution [69/288](#) of 8 June 2015;¹¹

12. *Stresses*, in that regard, the value of enhanced close cooperation and coordination between the programmes and activities of the United Nations system and Pacific Islands Forum members, the Forum secretariat and associated institutions,

¹⁰ See resolution [71/243](#).

¹¹ [A/72/119](#).

including the Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner, welcomes recent efforts by United Nations and regional agencies in the Pacific to enhance cooperation through joint activities, working groups and other means, and encourages further practical steps to enhance such cooperation and coordination;

13. *Also stresses* the importance of coherent and integrated approaches to building resilience to extreme weather events, including both slow and rapid onset events, and to stressors related to increased climate variability across the Pacific;

14. *Reiterates* the importance of strengthening resilience and mitigating risks in the region of the Forum members, and encourages the United Nations system to work collaboratively with the Pacific Islands Forum and associated institutions in this regard;

15. *Stresses* the importance of resident coordinators and United Nations country teams in the region of the Forum members strengthening consultations with national Governments and relevant stakeholders, including the Pacific Islands Forum, in accordance with its resolution [71/243](#) of 21 December 2016, and ensuring that the development and implementation of all United Nations programme and plan documents increase coherence and coordination in support of national development needs and priorities;

16. *Reiterates* the importance of continuing to enhance and strengthen the United Nations field presence in the region of the Forum members, in accordance with its resolution [71/243](#), in particular with regard to operational activities of the multi-country offices, using flexible, cost-effective and collaborative models, as appropriate;

17. *Looks forward* to further inclusive consultations with all countries concerned on the multi-country office review, in accordance with paragraph 4 of its resolution [72/279](#) of 31 May 2018, for its conclusion and to guide its implementation, taking note of the ongoing review by the Secretary-General of the configuration, capacity, resource needs, role and development services of multi-country offices, and related discussions at the operational activities for development segment of the 2019 session of the Economic and Social Council;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

19. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-fifth session, under the item entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations”, the sub-item entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum”.
