

25 September 2019

H.E. Mr. Kausea Natano
Prime Minister of Tuvalu
Chair of the Pacific Islands Forum
Funafuti, Tuvalu

Excellency,

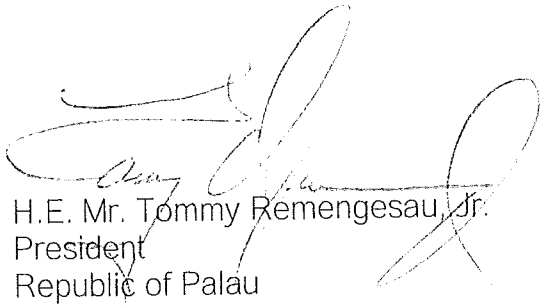
We present our compliments. As Presidents of the Republic of Palau, Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Nauru we have met in New York on 21 September 2019 at the Permanent Mission of the Federated States of Micronesia to the United Nations.

We are pleased to unanimously nominate H.E. Mr. Gerald M. Zackios to serve as the next Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum. The curriculum vitae of Mr. Zackios is enclosed.

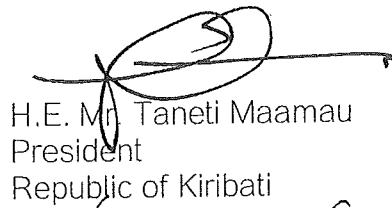
We emphasize our regional understanding that it is the Micronesia sub-region's turn in rotation to submit a candidate to be the next Secretary General.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

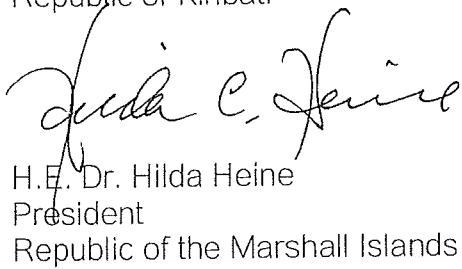
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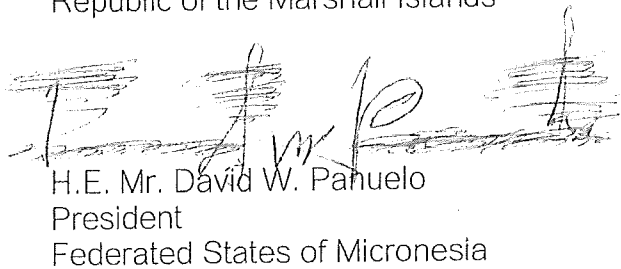
H.E. Mr. Tommy Remengesau, Jr.
President
Republic of Palau



H.E. Mr. Taneti Maamau
President
Republic of Kiribati



H.E. Dr. Hilda Heine
President
Republic of the Marshall Islands



H.E. Mr. David W. Panuelo
President
Federated States of Micronesia



H.E. Mr. Lionel Aingimea
President
Republic of Nauru

cc: H.E. Dame Meg Taylor, Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum