



Department of Foreign Affairs Federated States of Micronesia

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The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Federated States of Micronesia presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in Nett and has to honor to transmit the enclosed letter from President David W. Panuelo to John Kerry, US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate.

In this regard, the Department would appreciate the Embassy's assistance in ensuring that the letter reaches its esteemed destination.

The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Federated States of Micronesia avails itself of this opportunity to renew with the Embassy of the United States of America in Nett the assurances of its highest consideration.

Palikir, Pohnpei

Enclosure:





The President
Palikir, Pohnpei
Federated States of Micronesia

September 23, 2021

The Honorable John Kerry
Special Presidential Envoy for Climate
Executive Office of the President of the United States

Subject: Global Methane Pledge

Dear Special Representative Kerry,

The Federated States of Micronesia commends the Government of the United States on its bold move to accelerate climate action by initiating a Global Methane Pledge. This ambitious goal, when coupled with mitigation of other short-lived climate pollutants, can significantly slow down the warming of the planet and will help protect vulnerable island countries from the many climate impacts that threaten our existence.

We feel strongly that focused and determined action on short-lived climate pollutants and protection of carbon sinks are critically important as the world buys time to allow major, long-term decarbonization to take effect. It is for this reason, and in support of the leadership President Biden is showing on climate change, that I express the willingness of the Federated States of Micronesia to join the Global Methane Pledge by adding our name to the list of supporting countries.

A 30% reduction from 2020 levels by 2030 will not be a simple task for us. Our unique climate circumstances, national adaptation and development priorities, as well as the impacts of the global COVID-19 pandemic, make this a difficult undertaking for a small country such as ours. Nevertheless, we believe that solidarity and cooperation are key to global success on climate change in this critical decade and beyond. Therefore, I wish to stand with the United States and others to meet this challenge together. For together, we will succeed.

With my best wishes for personal good health, I am,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David W. Panuelo", with several horizontal scribbles above and below the name.

David W. Panuelo
President of the Federated States of Micronesia