MPS Leaders Meeting

Micronesian Presidents' February 2021 Communique

1. The President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the President of the Republic of Kiribati, the President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the President of the Republic of Nauru and the President of the Republic of Palau convened a virtual meeting on 8th February, 2021.

2. The Micronesian Presidents expressed unity and solidarity and restated that their position remains in accordance with the Micronesian Presidents' Summit (MPS) Special Leaders Meeting Mekreos Communiqué, 2020. There is no value in participating in an organization that does not respect established agreements, including the gentlemen's agreement on sub-regional rotation.

3. The Micronesian Presidents collectively expressed great disappointment with the Pacific Islands Forum Secretary General appointment process.

Withdrawal from the Pacific Islands Forum

4. The Micronesian Presidents jointly agreed that all five nations will initiate the formal process of withdrawing from the Pacific Islands Forum, as set out in Article XII of the Agreement Establishing the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat. Each nation will undertake this process with respect to its own internal legal and procedural requirements and final decision rests with respective governments.

5. The Micronesian Presidents look forward to strengthening the work of subregional organizations including the Micronesian Presidents' Summit.

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