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4th Amendment to MoU with Italy signed

January 22, 2019 (New York) – The The Permanent Representative of the Federated States of Micronesia to the United Nations, H.E. Jane J. Chigiya, signed on behalf of her Government an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Italian Republic, the Ministry of Environment Land and Sea of the Italian Republic, the Federal Republic Ministry of Europe, Integration of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria, the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain and the Governments of the Pacific Small Island Countries (PSIDS). The amendment signed between the Pacific SIDS Ambassadors in New York with the Governments of Italy, Austria, Luxembourg and Spain is the 4th amendment to first MOU signed between the Pacific SIDS and Italy in 2007. Subsequent amendments to the MOU expanded the scope of the cooperation between Italy and PSIDs and also reflected the expansion of the cooperation to include additional donor partners.

The Amendment (4) to the MOU extended the Partnership between the Parties until December 2023, after the previous MOU expired at the end of December 2018. This agreement will allow not only the extension of the partnership but the additional funds to focus on the identified broad areas such as climate change adaptation; capacity building; sustainable energy; protection of oceans and seas; and support of countries Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC).

With the extension of the partnership between the PSIDS and the donor countries of Italy, Austria, Luxembourg and Spain, the PSIDS are encouraged to submit proposals under the wide areas identified under the partnership initiative which provides grant finance to foster development in the Pacific SIDS.

In recent years, a number of projects from the Federated States of Micronesia were approved under the partnership and this included a Grid-tied photovoltaic system project in Chuuk, a Home Energy Loan Program administered through the FSM Development Bank that assisted new home owners in the State of Pohnpei, and a project on Enhancing Water Security and Climate Resilient Food Systems for the Displaced Atoll Communities in Yap.

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