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Federated States of Micronesia Joins Call for a Global Ceasefire

April 14, 2020 (New York) –In late March, Secretary-General Antonia Guterres called for a global ceasefire in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The S-G stated that, “The virus does not care about nationality or ethnicity, faction or faith. It attacks all, relentlessly. [...] The most vulnerable — women and children, people with disabilities, the marginalized and the displaced — pay the highest price”. He called “for an immediate global ceasefire in all corners of the world”. The Federated States of Micronesia joins the call of the Secretary-General.

Ambassador Chigiyal remarked that “The world is at war with the pandemic. Yet the daily challenges we face as Small Island Developing States remain and are compounded by the dangers of COVID-19. The pandemic further exacerbates existing challenges such as climate change and sea-level rise, that continue to threaten our homes and livelihoods as we see in our Pacific region which was recently hit by Tropical Cyclone Harold.”