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FSM establish diplomatic relations with Kuwait

September 2, 2016 (New York) – The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Government of Kuwait formalized diplomatic relations at a ceremony held at the Permanent Mission of Kuwait to the United Nations in New York on 1 September 2016. The Permanent Representative of the Federated States of Micronesia to the United Nations, Ambassador Jane J. Chigiya, and her Kuwaiti counterpart, Ambassador Mansour Ayyad Al-Otaibi, signed a joint communiqué establishing diplomatic relations between the two States.

The Joint Communiqué confirms the commitment of both States to the objectives and principles of the United Nations in consolidating international peace and security, and also conveys the agreement of both States for their diplomatic relations to be driven by the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the 1963 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations and international law, particularly those pertaining to mutual respect for independence, sovereign equality, territorial integrity, non-interference in the internal affairs of other States, and free exercise of the right to self-determination.

The Communiqué expresses the desires of both States to promote relations of friendship and cooperation between their respective peoples and two countries in political, economic, and cultural fields, both at the national and international levels.

In a brief exchange following the formal ceremony, Ambassadors Chigiya and Al-Otaibi touched on matters of common interest and opportunities for further bilateral cooperation, like the Kuwait Fund for Economic Development.

The State of Kuwait becomes the first state from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) to enter into diplomatic relations with the Federated States of Micronesia. While the signing formally established diplomatic relation between the two countries, Micronesia's involvement in Kuwait dated back to January 1991, during what would be called Operation Desert Storm—a military operation to expel occupying Iraqi forces from Kuwait, which Iraq had invaded and annexed months earlier; Micronesian citizens in the US Armed Forces participated in that military operation and subsequent military operations like Operation Desert Shield.