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Federated States of Micronesia Establishes Diplomatic Ties with the United Arab Emirates

September 10, 2016 (New York) – The Permanent Representative of the Federated States of Micronesia to the United Nations in New York, Ambassador Jane J. Chigiya, signed on 9 September 2016, a joint communique establishing diplomatic relations with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) at a signing ceremony that took place at the UAE Permanent Mission. Ambassador Chigiya's counterpart, the UAE's Permanent Representative to the United Nation in New York, Ambassador Lana Zaki Nusseibeh, signed the joint communique on behalf of her Government.

The Communique, signed in both Arabic and English, reflects the mutual willingness of both countries to promote mutual understanding and strengthen friendship and cooperation between the two countries in the political, economic, social, humanitarian, cultural and scientific areas. The two countries agreed that their relationship would be guided by the principles and purposes of the UN Charter and international law, particularly respect for equality among States, national sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of other States.

The Communique also acknowledges that the diplomatic relations between the two countries are established in accordance with the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18th April 1961.

Before the signing of the Joint Communique, Ambassador Chigiya took the opportunity to thank Ambassador Nusseibeh for UAE's contribution to the FSM's sustainable development in renewable energy by the funding of a 600kW photovoltaic plant which was recently inaugurated in May 2016 in the State of Pohnpei. Funding of the project was made available through the UAE-Pacific Partnership Fund with financing provided by the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development.

UAE now joins Kuwait as the second member state of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) with which the FSM has established relations, and the 78th country with formal diplomatic relations with the FSM.