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Micronesia and Mauritius establish diplomatic relations

October 10, 2017 (New York) – The Joint Communiqué on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations of October 10, 2017, formalized official relations between the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the Republic of Mauritius. The Communiqué was signed between the two nations' United Nations Permanent Representatives in New York. It reaffirmed “the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961, and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 23 April 1963”.



In a brief exchange of congratulatory remarks after the signing ceremony both Ambassadors H.E. Jane J. Chigiya and H.E. Jagdish D. Koonjul, GOSK, respectively, the Permanent Representatives of Micronesia and Mauritius, cited their small island nations' vulnerabilities to climate change, and recognized that as like-minded Small Island developing states (SIDS), this would continue be an issue of priority to them. And as SIDS with large oceanic areas, both Ambassadors recognized the great potential that the oceans and marine resources play in their nations' economic development, and the potential that their countries can learn from one another.

The establishment of formal diplomatic relations paved the way for the two island nations' peoples, government and business leaders to interact and learn from the other.

Mauritius, an Indian Ocean island nation, is known for its beaches, lagoons and reefs making it, arguably, one of Africa's wealthiest tourist destinations. It is a member of the United Nations and, like Micronesia, is also a member of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), a coalition of small island and low-lying coastal countries that share similar development challenges and concerns especially with their vulnerability to the adverse effects of global climate change.