

19th Micronesia Presidents' Summit

February 20-21, 2019
Koror, Republic of Palau



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Commitment to formalize the Micronesia Presidents' Summit

The Republic of the Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Kiribati and the Republic of Nauru agree as follows:

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia have convened the Micronesia Presidents' Summit (MPS), on at least an annual basis, since 2003 in order to coordinate their efforts with one another on regional and international issues; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Kiribati and the Republic of Nauru became members of the MPS in 2018; and

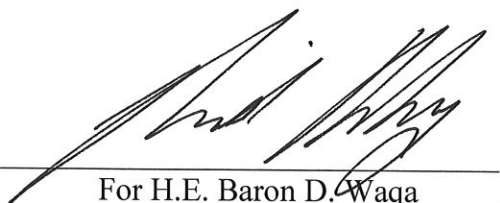
WHEREAS, all Member Countries are in support of formalizing the MPS to ensure that the cooperation achieved in past meetings continues and is expanded in the future; and

WHEREAS, the complexity and importance of the MPS is increasing, which necessitates the development of appropriate rules of procedure to guide the process of the Annual Meetings and the follow-through on issues and action items identified at the Summits as well as the development of intergovernmental agreements institutionalizing the MPS; and

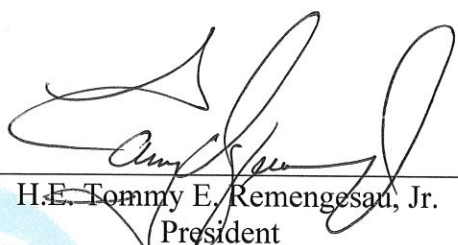
NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY AGREED, that the Republic of the Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Kiribati and the Republic of Nauru direct the drafting of Rules of Procedures and an Intergovernmental Agreements or other appropriate documents to institutionalize the Micronesia Presidents' Summit and to improve future operations.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that the current Chair of the MPS is requested to initiate the drafting of these companion documents for review at the next MPS.

Signed this 22nd day of February, 2019



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