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Chair,

Micronesia is honored to participate in this 2026 High-Level Political Forum. The in-depth reviews of **SDG 6, SDG 7, SDG 9, SDG 11, and SDG 17** speak directly to our national priorities and to the lived realities of our island communities.

Reliable access to clean water remains under strain as droughts, shifting rainfall, and limited freshwater supplies increasingly affect our islands. Strengthening **water security** through solar-powered pumps, treatment systems, and desalination units is essential to ensuring safe drinking water for all our communities, including those in the most remote areas.

At the same time, the global energy crisis and accelerating climate impacts continue to heighten the vulnerability of fuel-dependent island economies. Advancing **SDG 7** requires a rapid scale-up of renewable energy. Expanding solar power is central to reducing exposure to volatile fuel markets, achieving full electrification, and reinforcing **energy security** for our people.

Resilient infrastructure and innovation underpin our long-term development. Investments in runways, ports, maritime safety, and expanded broadband and submarine cable connectivity are strengthening **SDG 9** by improving service delivery, enhancing connectivity, and opening new pathways for education, innovation, and economic opportunity.

Building safe and sustainable communities also demands improved planning, essential services, and climate-resilient infrastructure. Through **SDG 11**, Micronesia is advancing environmentally sound and culturally grounded settlements that prepare our islands for future climate and development pressures.

Finally, progress on **SDG 17** continues to be anchored in revitalized partnerships with UN agencies, Pacific regional institutions, bilateral partners, and community organizations. Strengthened access to climate and development financing, supported by improved planning and monitoring systems, ensures that our efforts remain measurable, transparent, and responsive to community needs.

Micronesia reaffirms its commitment to working closely with Member States, the United Nations system, and all partners to advance coordinated and innovative solutions that secure a sustainable future.

I thank you!