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SIDS Solidarity Strengthened as Micronesia and Seychelles Establish Diplomatic Relations

The Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Seychelles today, August 19, 2026, formally signed a Joint Communiqué establishing diplomatic relations, marking a significant expansion of cooperation between two Small Island Developing States (SIDS) whose identities, challenges, and aspirations are deeply shaped by the ocean.



The signing ceremony, held at the Permanent Mission of Seychelles in New York, was officiated by the two countries' respective Permanent Representatives to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Jeem Lippwe of Micronesia and H.E. Ms. Vivianne Fock Tave of Seychelles, who both underscored the natural affinity between island nations and the importance of reinforcing SIDS partnerships within the multilateral system. Both representatives also highlighted that this new relationship is rooted in shared vulnerabilities, shared opportunities, and a shared determination to ensure that island voices remain central in global decision-making.

The two nations new diplomatic relationship creates a platform for strengthened collaboration across core SIDS priorities, including: Climate resilience that advances adaptation finance, early warning systems, and protection of communities on the frontlines of climate impacts; Ocean stewardship to safeguarding marine ecosystems, promoting sustainable fisheries, and championing the blue economy; Sustainable development in support of tourism recovery, renewable energy transitions, and capacity-building for small island nations, and Multilateral advocacy that strengthens cooperation through the Alliance of Small Islands States (AOSIS).

Both governments affirmed that this partnership reflects a broader SIDS commitment to collective action, mutual support, and principled engagement grounded in the UN Charter. The Joint Communiqué is deposited with the United Nations in accordance with established practice.