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PARIS AGREEMENT STRONGER THAN DONALD TRUMP

“With the momentum building from Paris since the historic Paris Agreement in 2015, Pacific Islanders including PNG will continue to negotiate for the strongest possible outcome to ensure climate action is implemented,” said Managing Director for Climate Change & Development Authority (CCDA) Mr Ruel Yamuna in response to the recent announcement made by United States President Donald Trump to withdraw the US from the Paris Agreement.

“The Paris Agreement is stronger than Donald Trump despite his announcement of US withdrawing from the Agreement,” Mr Yamuna said.

Mr Yamuna said, given the recent SB 46 Climate Change meeting in Bonn, Germany last month, all other countries in the world have begun negotiating the rulebook for the implementation of the landmark climate deal and will continue to do so under the leadership of the Kingdom of Morocco as the present COP President and Fiji as the incoming COP President.

He said the current ambition to reduce dangerous greenhouse gas emission remains insufficient. “We are still heading for global warming of 3 – 4 Degrees Celsius with disastrous consequences to communities living on the frontlines of climate change as draughts, storms and floods threaten their homes, harvests and livelihoods,” he stressed.

Mr. Yamuna said PNG through CCDA in partnership with key government departments, state agencies and other development partners will continue to work with all stakeholders to implement PNGs obligations under the Paris Agreement because climate change is real and already affecting the livelihoods of communities in PNG.

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