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President Simina meets with U.S. Deputy Secretary Landau at the Pacific Agenda Summit

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HONOLULU, Hawaii – February 25, 2026 – While at the Pacific Agenda: Investment, Security, and Prosperous Summit, His Excellency Wesley W. Simina, President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), engaged in a bilateral meeting with U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Christopher Landau, reaffirming the enduring partnership between the Federated States of Micronesia and the United States.

The meeting reflected the spirit of friendship, partnership, and shared responsibility that continues to define the relationship between the two nations under the Compact of Free Association. Both

leaders exchanged warm sentiments and underscored the importance of sustaining close cooperation grounded in mutual respect and shared strategic interests. President Simina noted that FSM and the United States are “family,” acknowledging that while certain issues remain complex and at times challenging, both sides remain committed to addressing them constructively.

President Simina highlighted the recent official launch of the nation’s Strategic Development Plan (SDP) 2024-2043 and welcomed further FSM-US cooperation on implementing priority infrastructure projects. Updates were also shared regarding the airport project in Yap, which is currently in the early stages of environmental impact assessment.

President Simina also raised Compact-related matters, including bonding requirements, single-audit interpretations, and issues affecting FSM veterans. Secretary Landau acknowledged these concerns and agreed on the importance of ensuring that veterans receive appropriate benefits, including improved access to medical services. Both sides committed to continued dialogue and appropriate follow-up.

The leaders also discussed recent changes affecting Commercial Driver’s Licenses and their implications for Micronesian citizens residing in the US. Secretary Landau indicated he would engage relevant U.S. authorities to explore possible resolutions.

On economic development and engagement in the summit, President Simina briefed the Deputy Secretary on FSM’s active participation in discussions on infrastructure, energy security, air transportation and connectivity and critical minerals, among other priority areas. Deputy Secretary Landau welcomed FSM’s engagement in these discussions and noted the importance of responsible development aligned with shared strategic interests.

The bilateral meeting concluded with both leaders reaffirming their shared commitment to advancing the effective implementation of the Compact and further strengthening the long-standing partnership between the Federated States of Micronesia and the United States.

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