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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration of the Government of the Republic of Kiribati presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Pacific Island Forum and has the honour to request the latter's assistance in forwarding the Ministry's note to its most esteem destination.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration of the Government of the Republic of Kiribati presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Pacific Island Forum and has the honour to request the latter's assistance, to include in the agenda for the upcoming Pacific Islands Forum Leaders meeting, a Pacific Climate Risk Insurance Model.

The President, H.E Anote Tong in his discussions with Madam Secretary General during her visit to Kiribati, highlighted the drawbacks of the current climate risk insurance model that failed to cover the plight of Kiribati and similar atoll nations in relation to the slow but sure onslaught of climate change related disasters such as sea level rise impacting the livelihood of people through inundation of fresh water supplies with food security and water related risks and damages.

In his recent visit to Berlin to attend the G7 Conference on Climate Risk Insurance President Tong voiced on behalf of Kiribati and the Pacific island states the need for the current climate risk insurance model to be expanded further to reflect climate related disasters which under the current model are considered un-insurable. To that effect the German government indicated its willingness to assist the Pacific Island Forum Countries in this area with the ultimate objective of having in place an insurance model specific to the context of the Pacific island nations that is able to draw from global funds (both public and private) and is responsive to the climate risk needs of the individual Pacific island nations.

The Ministry would be grateful if the issue could be favorably considered as one of the topics of discussion by the Leaders in the upcoming PIF meeting in Papua New Guinea.

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