

**INTERVENTION  
BY THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA  
AT THE 30<sup>TH</sup> LEADERS SESSION WITH FORUM DIALOGUE  
PARTNERS ON MARITIME SECURITY  
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**Mr. President,  
Honorable Leaders of the Pacific Islands Forum,  
Heads of Delegation,  
Good morning,**

1. I would like to start by congratulating President Baron Divavesi Waqa of the Republic of Nauru on assuming the Pacific Islands Forum Chairmanship of 2018-2019.
  - We also thank him for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to us.
2. We also would like to acknowledge the strong leadership of Prime Minister Tuilaepa Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi of Samoa, during his chairmanship last year.
3. Allow me to also commend the Secretary-General of the PIF, Dame Meg Taylor, for her exemplary work.

**Distinguished Leaders,**

4. Just like their Pacific brothers and sisters, for hundreds of years, millions of Indonesians have been relying their livelihood from the ocean.
  - Which position the ocean at the heart of our people's economy.
5. Unfortunately, the economic viability of our ocean has also led to its degradation.
  - As our ocean has been affected by pollution, climate change, and worse, unsustainable fishing practices.

- Up to 2014, Indonesia has lost 4 billion USD annually just from IUU Fishing.
6. Indonesia views IUU Fishing as an immediate threat to its people.
- As it is severely depleting the source of our people's livelihood.
7. I strongly believe that PIF members also share a similar view.
8. Hence, Indonesia would like to emphasize the urgent need to establish a Pacific Framework in Combatting IUU Fishing...
9. This framework would strengthen our cooperation in managing our maritime resources...
- Which grant us the right to manage our maritime resources;
  - And preserving it for our present and future generation.
10. In response to the PM of Samoa's earlier intervention, I am happy to share that Indonesia has been actively working to clean our ocean from plastic debris...
- During the World Ocean Summit 2017, Indonesia has pledged up to 1 billion USD annually to reduce marine litter by 70% in 2025;
  - And by introducing biodegradable plastic.
11. Indonesia is looking forward to sharing this technology and working together with PIF countries in cleaning our ocean, as well as, in mitigating the adverse impact of climate change.
12. Additionally, Indonesia is also proud to announce...
- Our Ocean Conference to be convened on 29 – 30 October 2018 in Bali, Indonesia.
  - The "Indonesia South Pacific Forum" and the "Indo-Pacific Maritime Dialogue", to be convened in early 2019.

13. We are looking forward to the participation of PIF members at these events.

**Distinguished Leaders,**

14. My delegation would like to remind that the very basic foundation of cooperation in this Forum is mutual respect of each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity...

15. By mutually respecting each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity, we are nurturing confidence between one another...

➤ So that we could focus in tackling common challenges together.

16. In this spirit, Indonesia stands ready to work together with its Pacific brothers and sisters in building peace, stability, and prosperity in our Pacific region.

**I thank you.**

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