

INTERVENTION BY INDONESIA
AT THE 31TH LEADERS SESSION WITH FORUM DIALOGUE PARTNERS
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***Honorable Chair, Prime Minister of Tuvalu,
Honorable Leaders,
PIF Secretary General,
Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,***

1. I would like to begin by Congratulating Tuvalu on assuming PIF's Chairmanship, acknowledging Nauru's commendable chairmanship last year and also commending the exemplary work of PIF's Secretary General, Dame Meg Taylor.

Honorable Chair,

2. It is a matter of facts that the issue of climate change affects all countries in the region... therefore, a concrete and collaborative action is timely needed.
 - Indonesia stands ready to join hands with Forum Members on the implementation of the Action Plan of the **Boe Declaration** and **Kainaki Lua Declaration**...
 - We will also work with our PIF partners to ensure an equitable New Agreement in the Paris Conference.
3. As the biggest archipelagic country in the world, Indonesia...
 - Fully supports Chile Presidency's COP theme on **Ocean**...
 - Seeks further cooperation with Pacific countries on the ocean issue and climate change negotiation including at the UNFCCC.
4. Allow me also to emphasize on another pressing issue that threaten our **maritime security**...which is IUU Fishing.
 - As it is breaching countries' national jurisdiction and territorial integrity and cause the loss of national resources and the livelihood of the people.
 - Therefore, we call Forum countries to consider this practice as a form of **Transnational Organized Crime** (TOC) under the framework of UNTOC.
5. On the issue of sustaining the ocean health and marine ecosystem, Indonesia looks forward for the convening of the 15th CTI-CFF SOM in Honiara, later November 2019.

Honorable Chair,

6. Indonesia remains committed in strengthening cooperation in the areas of climate change, maritime, connectivity, and disaster risk management.

- From 1998 – 2019, Indonesia conducted **215 programs** to Pacific countries attended by almost **1500 participants**.
 - for **2020**, our capacity building programs will address topics of **marine plastic debris, mangrove plantation, and coastal abrasion**.
7. Finally, Honourable Chair, Indonesia is open to the idea of establishing a more structured and constructive **dialogue platform** with PIF and welcome further discussion on this matter.

I thank you.