

## **Recorded Speech by Hon. Hu'akavameiliku, The Prime Minister -To Farewell Mr. Henry Puna, the outgoing Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum**

Mr. Puna, I had the pleasure of first meeting you when you were the Honourable Prime Minister of the Cook Islands with many crucial portfolios such as Foreign Affairs and Immigration, Climate Change, Energy and Renewable Energy, and Tourism.

With your national leadership capacities extending to your role as Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum, I am truly honoured to express the gratitude of the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga for your exemplary service and personal commitment to Tonga and the entire Pacific Islands Region.

In my capacity as Prime Minister of Tonga and a member of the TROIKA, I join all 18 members of the Pacific Islands Forum, the CROP Agencies, and Dialogue Partners in Suva in conveying our deep appreciation for skillfully steering the Pacific Islands Forum through the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent and its Implementation Plan 2023-2030.

Mr. Puna, with you at the helm as the 10 th Secretary General, the visibility of the Pacific Islands Forum has advanced significantly at the United Nations Organization and the International Community. In making the Pacific Islands Forum fit for purpose, it has also demonstrated to the global arena that we strived collectively in the Pacific Way, towards “our vision for a resilient Pacific region of peace, harmony, security, social inclusion and prosperity.”

Your legacy will be recorded in the history of the Pacific Islands Forum as well as in the genuine and durable partnerships you have developed.

We, in the Pacific region thank you again for your dedication. Last, but not least, we wish you and your Family all the best in your next endeavours.

Malo 'aupito.

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