

**Intervention by the Honorable Vice President Redley Killion  
Federated States of Micronesia**

**High-Level Panel Discussion on Adaptation  
COP-10, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change**

**Buenos Aires, Argentina; 16 Dec 2004**

**Mr Chairman,  
Ministers and Other Heads of Delegation,  
Delegates**

Our Delegation applauds all the participants in the COP process for your perseverance over the past decade in the face of differing views and competing interests. While acknowledging the collective efforts to address the adverse effects of climate change, we must not lose sight of the fundamental objectives of this process as stated in Article 2 of the Convention.

It is therefore appropriate that, on the occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Convention, we re-commit ourselves to the core objectives of the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol, particularly on the urgent issues of adaptation and mitigation. For COP-10 to be truly considered as the "Adaptation COP," Micronesia strongly urges that this particular COP adopts the following measures relating to adaptation:

First, the eligibility criteria, terms and conditions of all adaptation funds be streamlined, consistent with the guidance decisions of the Conference of the Parties. The efforts of the small island countries such as Micronesia have been hampered by the addition of rules and procedures that makes it all the more difficult for Micronesia and similarly situated countries to access such funding sources. We are particularly concerned about the proposed framework for resource allocation being considered by the Global Environment Facility.

Second, we urge that the issue of response measures be kept apart from or treated independently of the issue of adaptation, considering that the response measures issue does not fall within the mandate of agenda item 3 of this Conference. Moreover, it is our view that linking response measures with adaptation to climate changes is likely to dilute the significance of both issues.

Third, insofar as our efforts in implementing adaptation measures may be hindered by the absence of universal acceptance of and support for the Kyoto Protocol, my country renews its call on those countries that have not done so, particularly the major emitters of greenhouse gases, to ratify the Protocol at the earliest opportunity, as the Russian Federation has done.

Mr Chairman, as a Small Island Developing State, my country is most vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change which we are already experiencing. Therefore, it is imperative that we move quickly beyond

assessment, methodologies, and modelling into concrete adaptation projects. Toward this end, we are making concerted efforts to integrate the impacts of climate change into our sustainable development strategies.

In concluding, Mr Chairman, I would like to urge that we seize the occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Convention to take bold and concrete action at this COP-10 on the issue of adaptation as outlined above. In doing this we will achieve a major milestone in our efforts and, more than this, we will meet a significant part of our obligation to the present and future generations of mankind – by saving the planet from the scourges of climate change.