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**Statement to be delivered by the Republic of Nauru, Hon. Pyon
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On behalf of the Pacific Small Island Developing States
During the High-Level Dialogue on Energy under the auspices of
the UN General Assembly**

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[Mr. President]

Heads of States and Governments

Excellencies

I have the honour to speak on behalf of 12 Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS), namely the Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Palau, Papua New Guinea, the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Tonga, Vanuatu and my own country, Nauru. We also wish to align ourselves with the statement delivered by AOSIS.

Energy plays a pivotal role in the achievement of our sustainable development goals and the Paris Agreement. In a year of critical action on climate mitigation and adaptation, Pacific SIDS have reinforced their commitment to energy transition action and strengthened sustainable energy goals within updated nationally determined contributions ahead of COP26 in Glasgow. SIDS are determined to do more, in raising the level of ambition and pressing for serious advocacy with the major emitters to do the same and more

The Pacific Island countries are ready to embrace ambitious renewable energy targets, as many as high as 100 percent over the next decade. This reflects the significance of climate change impacts on our group on islands with unique vulnerabilities; and many of which see climate change as an existential threat. Our commitment to ambitious renewable energy targets also gives recognition to the environmental benefits of reducing and replacing carbon-intensive diesel power generation.

We strongly agree with Secretary Antonio Guterres that without ambitious targets towards deep energy decarbonization, the 1.5 C promise of the Paris Agreement on Climate change will quickly slip out of reach. We encourage member states to join the relevant energy compact that suits their context to focus on specific actions to ensure the achievement of SDG7 as we are “running behind in the race against time.”

Mr. President,

The Pacific SIDS are committed to decisive action to ensure access to clean and affordable energy services for all, and that no one is left behind, under *SDG7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all*, in line with the Paris Agreement. We have made a voluntary commitment through the Joint SIDS Lighthouse initiative with the target of 10 gigawatts total installed renewable energy capacity in all SIDS by 2030.

The Pacific SIDS look forward to the outcome of the High-Level Dialogue on Energy through a global roadmap that can steer future actions in this vital area of our sustainable development agenda.

I thank you

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