

## **Press Statement Release**

**COP24, Katowice, 13 December 2018.** The Republic of the Marshall Islands wish to convey the support of RMI to ROC, Taiwan within the international and UN specialized agencies and mechanisms, including the UNFCCC. The RMI Government places a high importance to the issue of climate change and staunchly believes that the international community, especially countries most vulnerable, cannot afford to have any missing links in the crucial task of tackling adverse impacts caused by climate change. Unfortunately, Taiwan's exclusion from the UNFCCC is a missing link in the global efforts to combat drastic weather events and rising sea levels that have been affecting low-lying, densely populated atolls like the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

RMI recognizes ROC (Taiwan)'s achievements of its Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) as well as passing the Greenhouse Reduction and Management Act. Furthermore, RMI strongly supports ROC's efforts that are in line with RMI Government's continued efforts and prominent achievements in fighting climate change, especially its "Lighthouse Initiative," as the core of RMI's 2050 Climate Strategy recently launched at the UNGA Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) event.