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The Ministry of State of the Republic of Palau presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Fiji and has the honor to inform the latter of a recent decision regarding Republic of Palau's overseas missions.

After recent events, the Government of the Republic of Palau will be terminating its participation in the Pacific Islands' Forum. The process regarding the appointment of the Secretary General has clearly indicated to Republic of Palau that unity, regionalism, and the Pacific Way no longer guide the Forum.

In this difficult global economic situation, and without further participation in the Pacific Islands Forum, the Republic of Palau cannot justify its current embassy expense in Suva, Fiji. Therefore, the Government of the Republic of Palau formally advises the Government of the Fiji of its decision to close the Republic of Palau's Embassy in Suva, effective 28 February 2021. Palau deeply regrets this situation, and trusts that its warm bilateral relationship with the Republic of Fiji will continue undiminished.

The Ministry of State of the Republic of Palau avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Fiji the assurances of its highest consideration.

The National Capitol, REPUBLIC OF PALAU  
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