

TUVALU POLICE SERVICE



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2-Minute Statement

Your Excellencies, Distinguished Directors/Chiefs/Commissioner of Police, and Esteemed Colleagues,

I am deeply honoured to address this distinguished assembly on behalf of the Government and people of Tuvalu. I wish to extend our sincere gratitude to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for this prestigious invitation, and to the Australian Federal Police for their invaluable financial support, which has enabled our participation in this significant Summit.

I speak on behalf of Tuvalu, a Nation of 11,000 people governing 900,000 square kilometres of ocean with minimal police capacity.

Drug trafficking through the Pacific has surged 300% in a decade. Maritime crime costs our region USD 1.3 billion annually. Human trafficking exploits our shores. Yet our deadliest threat is invisible: **climate change rising 1.4mm annually-three times the global average. Within 50 years, Tuvalu may cease to exist.**

Climate change is **security policy**, not environmental policy. Eighty percent of our infrastructure is coastal. Disasters cut law enforcement capacity by 40%. Collapsing fisheries-80% of our economy - fuel criminal recruitment. UNODC confirm climate change is a "threat multiplier" for organized crime.

We face a perfect storm: transnational crime, climate displacement, and resource scarcity converging on tiny island nations. **We cannot face this alone.**

I respectfully call upon this assembly to establish four dedicated Pacific-focused UN coordination frameworks:

- **Pacific Maritime Security Coordination Centre** - real-time intelligence
- **Pacific Climate-Crime Nexus Task Force** - integrated responses
- **Pacific Law Enforcement Capacity Initiative** - vessels, technology, training
- **Pacific Regional Prosecution Network** - harmonized prosecution

We need commitments, not promises. Resources, not rhetoric. Action, not analysis.

Pacific Island security is **global security**. Our solutions can serve as models worldwide.

The Tuvalu Police Service commits to partnership. **We ask you to commit to us.**

Together, we are stronger.