Salutation
Honorable Ministers
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Ladies and Gentleman

1. Acknowledgement
At the outset, I wish to acknowledge the United Nations Development (UNFPA), for organizing this great opportunity for Fiji to share its realities and opportunities to deal with population and development issues.

2. Why Climate Change Matter to all Fijians?
Quoting Fiji’s Prime Minister Mr. Frank Bainimarama Opening Statement at the Petersberg Dialogue in Berlin “Am convinced that when we act in the interest of the most vulnerable, we are acting in the interest of all of us”.

Bangkok, Thailand 26th November, 2018
3. **Achievements:**

- Incorporating the Pacific’s inclusive, participatory and transparent dialogue of Talanoa in the UN process;
- Being able to hold the COP 23 Presidency from 2017 -2018, has allowed the world to appreciate climate change from the vulnerable position of Pacific Island States, through the voices, the pictures, the dances, and stories.
- Strengthened collaboration with partners on disaster mitigation and preparedness.
- Innovative solutions to address victims of climate change and disaster.

4. **Challenges:**

- Vulnerabilities of Climate Change is more pronounced as it is unpredictable
- Often taken for granted thus causing more harm and danger in affected areas.
- Affordability of building back better

Thank you.