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An Adaptation Package, Debt Solutions, and Health Resilience for Vulnerable Nations**

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Today, we have a renewed vigor and drive. The ICJ has delivered a unanimous ruling that makes clear that 1.5°C is the legally binding global threshold that we have an obligation to stay within. This Forum welcomes this as a united agreement, and that it is only the beginning of the process, and to commit to working together to turn the decision into reality.

Here, at the UN General Assembly and around the world, the International Court of Justice has confirmed that there are binding obligations to prevent exactly the types of significant harm that we see today, and that will only worsen as temperatures rise. The court has confirmed what we have always been asking for the highest possible ambitions through the NDC is a legal obligation for the 1.5°C line. NDCs will prevent catastrophic climate changes, allow us to stay within our adaptation limits, and reduce loss and damage.

So the Marshall Islands has submitted its enhanced NDC by the February deadline and then aligned with the global stocktake outcome on energy transition. I hope major emitters, some of them are here today, can take our ambition as inspiration and uphold the Paris Agreement and international law.

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