Final Outcome

We, the representative of participating archipelagic and island states (**Annex I**), gathered in Manado, on 1st November 2019 for the 2nd Ministerial Meeting of Archipelagic and Island States Forum (AIS Forum):

Welcoming the establishment of the AIS Forum, as a developmental forum, on 1st November 2018 in Manado through the Joint Declaration of the Establishment of AIS Forum with four main areas of cooperation namely on climate change mitigation, adaptation, and disaster management; economic challenges and opportunities which consist of blue economy, responsible and sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, economic growth and creation of decent working opportunities; marine plastic debris; and good maritime governance;

Welcoming also the establishment of AIS Forum Secretariat in Jakarta, under the facilitation of UNDP Indonesia, that will facilitate the development and implementation of smart and innovative solutions amongst archipelagic and island states through concrete and impactful collaboration with government, youth, civil society, academics, startups, philanthropists, industry, private sector, and international and multilateral organisations;

Welcoming further the holding of AIS Startup and Business Summit (AIS SBS) 2019 in Manado;

Mindful of the existential threats posed by climate change on archipelagic and island states that are severely prone to sea level rise as a consequence of rapid climate change;

Noting the economic and multiple impacts and benefits of tourism and sustainable fisheries to the economic development of archipelagic and island states;

Noting also that globalization has turned the world into an unfolded map that moves people from place to place, impacting on other communities which demand the respect of cultural, economic, and ecological environments;

Noting further that impact travel is a growing trend in the travel industry that aims to support local economies and make a positive impact in host communities. This new trend centres on discovering local cultures and respecting the cultural, economic, and ecological environments. People are increasingly seeking immersive local cultural experiences that are respectful, ethical, and sustainable;

Do hereby declare to:

1. Share information and good practices to inform the development and implementation of country action plans in the areas of climate change mitigation, adaptation, and disaster management; economic challenges and opportunities evident in the blue economy, responsible and sustainable

fisheries and aquaculture, economic growth and creation of decent work choices; marine plastic debris; and good maritime governance that will contribute to the achievement of SDGs,

2. Continue developing the Blue Economy and its financial framework with a view towards encouraging private sector, philanthropic, and community-based organizations in the area of climate change mitigation and adaptation that will increase the resiliency of coastal communities in archipelagic and island states,

3. Call on key stakeholders in the tourism industry to transition to sustainable tourism, including increasing impactful ecotourism to include supporting the launch of AIS Pledge to EcoTourism as a way to instil responsible behaviour by all (**Annex II**),

4. Support the establishment of an Advisory Board to AIS Forum Secretariat that will serve to provide advice and guidance on its work,

5. Request the AIS Forum Secretariat to conduct as follows:

   a. increase its efforts in facilitating closer collaboration amongst archipelagic and island states in the four main areas of cooperation;

   b. design, in close consultation with its Advisory Board, an efficient and effective implementation mechanism and report to the Fifth Senior Official Meeting and the Third Ministerial Meeting of AIS Forum in 2020;

   c. develop AIS Forum global communication and knowledge resource platform that will engage stakeholders, specifically but not limited to governments, the private sector and philanthropists, media, academia and research institutes, NGO and local organizations/individuals;

   d. identify innovative startups as champions to support archipelagic and island states members and their challenges;

   e. actively create synergies with other initiatives and goals–locally, regionally, and globally; and

   f. develop innovative financial mechanisms to assist the implementation of the four areas of cooperation of the AIS Forum that will be beneficial to all archipelagic and island states.

6. Appreciate the contribution of startups and business communities to find smart and innovative solutions to the pressing challenges faced by archipelagic and island states,

7. Invite Heads of State or Government of archipelagic and island states to attend the 1st AIS High Level Meeting in 2020,

Agreed by Ministers and representatives of participating countries of AIS Forum in Manado on the 1st November 2019.

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Annex I: Participating States

1. Kingdom of Bahrain
2. Republic of Cabo Verde
3. The Union of the Comoros
4. Republic of Fiji
5. Republic of Guinea-Bissau
6. Republic Indonesia
7. Republic of Ireland
8. Jamaica
9. Japan
10. Republic of Kiribati
11. Democratic Republic of Madagascar
12. Republic of Maldives
13. Republic of Malta
14. Republic of the Marshall Islands
15. Republic of Palau
16. Republic of the Philippines
17. Independent State of Papua New Guinea
18. Independent State of Samoa
19. Republic of Seychelles
20. Solomon Islands
21. Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
22. Saint Kitts and Nevis
23. Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste
24. Kingdom of Tonga
25. United Kingdom

Regional and International Organisations

1. Pacific Island Development Forum
2. Melanesian Spearhead Group
3. United Nations World Tourism Organisations

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Annex II: AIS Pledge to EcoTourism

- **Respect the locals**

  I/we are committed to respect and understand the local culture and protect natural heritage in the destination area;

- **Reduce marine litters**

  I/we are committed to reduce marine litters in the destination areas;

- **Support coastal and marine ecosystem protection**

  I/we are committed to promote responsible encounter with forest, marine wildlife, and their habitats;

- **Promote local economic in the destination areas**

  I/we are committed to buy local products, enjoy local foods, and hire local guide to visit the destination; and

- **Protect children in travel and tourism**

  I/we are committed to refuse in any involvement of sexual abuse and sexual exploitation.