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Dear Local2030 Islands Network Secretariat,

With this communication, the United Nations Foundation confirms its intent to support and elevate island communities in their pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals as a partner of the Local2030 Islands Network. Our priorities for collaboration with the Local2030 Islands Network are to elevate local implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and especially island leadership, support a platform for island issues across global conversations, and identify and foster new partnerships to help drive action on sustainability priorities.

We support island communities in their pursuit of the Four Principles of the Local2030 Islands Network and confirm the importance of these principles for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals:

- Identify local goals to advance the SDGs and strengthen long-term political leadership on climate resilience and net-zero emissions pathways
- Strengthen public-private partnerships that support diverse stakeholders in integrating sustainability priorities into policy and planning
- Measure SDG progress through tracking and reporting on locally and culturally informed indicators
- Implement concrete initiatives that build island resilience and a circular economy through locally appropriate solutions, particularly at the water-energy-food nexus

The United Nations Foundation will make a clear statement of this commitment to our partners and the general public. Kaysie Brown, Vice President for Policy and Strategic Initiatives, will be the organization’s focal point for the Local2030 Islands Network.

Sincerely,

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