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Transform Aqorau is Chief Executive Officer of the Parties to the Nauru Agreement Office in Majuro, Marshall Islands. The Office serves as Secretariat for the Parties to the Nauru Agreement, which is a Tuna Management and Regulatory Body consisting of the Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Tuvalu. Tokelau is an Observer to the PNA and a participant of the Purse Seine Vessel Day Scheme (VDS). Mr. Aqorau is also Administrator of the Purse Seine and Longline VDS and the Federated States of Micronesia Arrangement for Regional Access (a multilateral access agreements amongst the PNA). Mr. Aqorau has worked in the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency as Legal Counsel and Deputy Director, Legal Adviser to the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and Legal Adviser and Deputy Secretary in the Solomon Islands Ministry of Foreign

Affairs. He has been involved in bilateral access negotiations, negotiations of the Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States, UN Fish Stocks Agreement, Palau Arrangement for the Management of the Tuna Fisheries of the Western Pacific, Niue Treaty on Co-operation on Fisheries Surveillance and Law Enforcement, Federated States of Micronesia Arrangement for Regional Access, and the Western and Central Pacific Convention for Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (WCPFC). He was Chair of the Solomon Islands Fisheries Advisory Council, Chair of the 24th Forum Fisheries Committee, Chair of the FFA Sub-Committee on Future Management Arrangements, Member of the Solomon Islands Economic Advisory Council, and Legal Adviser and Vice President of the Solomon Islands Red Cross Society from 1990-2003. He has been actively calling for the reshaping of international oceans governance arrangements and Island States doing away with fisheries access agreements.

Transform Aqorau holds a Bachelors of Law from the University of Papua New Guinea, Masters of Law from the University of British Columbia (Canada), and Ph.D. in Law from the University of Wollongong (Australia). He is from Solomon Islands