



## GOVERNMENT OF TONGA

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **“Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat Courtesy Call on Prime Minister Lord Fakafanua.”**

Nuku‘alofa, Tonga - The Prime Minister of Tonga, Lord Fakafanua, today received the Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Hon. Baron Waqa, who paid a courtesy call in Nuku‘alofa.

The visit takes place following the Prime Minister’s recent appointment, marking his role as the newest Prime Minister within the Pacific Islands Forum and as a member of the TROIKA leadership. The courtesy visit underscored the growing relationship between the Government of Tonga and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.

During the meeting, the Prime Minister and the Secretary General exchanged views on regional priorities and the importance of continued collaboration among Forum members to advance shared interests across the Blue Pacific. The Secretary General conveyed his congratulations to Prime Minister Lord Fakafanua and reaffirmed the Forum Secretariat’s commitment to working closely with Tonga in support of regional cooperation and collective action.

Prime Minister Lord Fakafanua welcomed the visit and expressed his appreciation for the ongoing engagement of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, reaffirming Tonga’s commitment to constructive regional leadership and cooperation through the Forum and its mechanisms.

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