

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**

The Government of the United States of America ("United States") and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands ("Marshall Islands") share a desire to strengthen the special and unique free association between their nations.

The United States and the Marshall Islands are negotiating agreements to accomplish this expeditiously and have come to the following understandings:

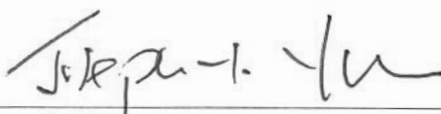
1. The United States plans to request mandatory appropriations for assistance to the Marshall Islands as follows:
  - a. Assistance for operations of the Marshall Islands for 20 years beginning in Fiscal Year 2024 of \$50 million annually for assistance in sectors to be mutually agreed, adjusted annually for inflation as will be specified in the agreements being negotiated.
  - b. For additional healthcare needs in the Marshall Islands, \$8 million annually for 20 years beginning in Fiscal Year 2024 to be matched by the Marshall Islands, plus an additional one-time payment by the United States of \$20 million in Fiscal Year 2024 to implement joint healthcare programs from a newly created joint strategic health dialogue.
  - c. \$20 million in Fiscal Year 2024 for a joint effort to obtain additional assistance and to provide technical assistance and expertise to enable the Marshall Islands to cope with challenges from climate impacts, including sea level rise and other environmental challenges that could threaten the existence of the Marshall Islands.

- d. \$30 million in Fiscal Year 2024, \$20 million of which would be for Marshall Islands environmental feasibility studies and technical assistance and \$10 million of which would be for future Marshall Islands environmental programs.
  - e. \$15 million in Fiscal Year 2024, \$10 million of which would be to improve the accessibility of documents and information relating to the United States nuclear testing program, including waste disposal, in the Marshall Islands and \$5 million of which would be to help the Marshall Islands establish a museum and research facility on the program.
  - f. \$132 million in Fiscal Year 2024 to implement the Kwajalein Atoll Masterplan.
  - g. \$22 million in Fiscal Year 2024, the amount related to the Supplemental Education Grants from Fiscal Year 2005 through Fiscal Year 2023, to be used for education and job-training programs.
  - h. \$200 million in each Fiscal Years 2024, 2025, and 2026, and \$100 million in Fiscal Year 2027 to be deposited into the repurposed Trust Fund for priorities determined by the Marshall Islands in accordance with procedures to be mutually agreed.
2. The United States plans to continue to provide programs and services to the Marshall Islands as provided for in current U.S. law, as well as those provided under the Federal Programs and Services Agreement. The United States and the Marshall Islands intend to continue discussions regarding additional Federal programs.
3. The United States and the Marshall Islands plan to include in an agreement a provision to conduct joint reviews of the needs of the Marshall Islands prior to Fiscal Year 2044 and every 20 years thereafter.

4. The United States and the Marshall Islands plan to include in an agreement a provision regarding the continuation of direct economic assistance identified in section 1(a) and federal programs and services beyond Fiscal Year 2044 at the same levels identified above, subject to mutual agreement.
5. The United States and the Marshall Islands plan to continue negotiations on the details of these understandings and other related matters, with the aim of finalizing agreement texts expeditiously.
6. Nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding is intended to give rise to rights or obligations under international or domestic law.

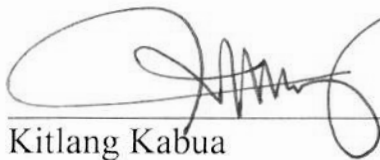
Signed, at Los Angeles, California, United States this 11th day of January 2023, in duplicate.

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States of America:



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