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Press Release

**President Christian Receives Credentials from His Excellency Marian Tomasik,
Ambassador of the Slovak Republic**

PALIKIR, Pohnpei— On November 20th, 2018, His Excellency President Peter M. Christian received credentials from His Excellency Marian Tomasik, Ambassador of the Slovak Republic. President Christian spoke of the friendship between the Slovak Republic and the FSM, emphasizing to Ambassador Tomasik that one hasn't seen the FSM until one has visited all four states.

President Christian, citing the Cotonou Agreement—a treaty between the European Union and the African, Caribbean, and Pacific Group of States (ACP Countries)—asked the Ambassador to assist in the European Union recognizing the Pacific as being separate from Africa in geography, culture, functions, and needs, particularly with regards to climate change. “We have a lot of islands facing climate change,” the President said, noting that some of these outer islands can be ignored or forgotten by the larger international community.

The Slovak Republic is a central European country between Poland, Ukraine, Hungary, Austria, and the Czech Republic. Like the FSM islands of Kosrae and Pohnpei, the Slovak Republic is mostly mountainous—but unlike any FSM island, the entire Slovak Republic is landlocked i.e. it doesn't have access to the ocean. Citizens wishing to learn more about the Slovak Republic and its relationship with the Federated States of Micronesia can visit the Department of Foreign Affairs Website here: <https://dfa.gov.fm/>

