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I trust that all of us have come to Paris feeling that this should be a pivotal point, a plateau upon which conclusions are made on the long standing issue of climate change.

The Secretary General of our United Nations encouraged small island states to raise our voices. To speak up on the issue of climate change, it's effect on the lives of people who live on small atoll islands.

We are grateful to Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon for his encouragement, but hasten to point out the obvious: that oceanic peoples need NO convincing. We are convinced already that there is danger in the air. And that Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon continues his effort to convince our industrialized nation friends .....of the emergency nature of the planet's situation. A global emergency should now be in effect for the whole world.

As I said at the United Nations in September, I shall not deal in details because that is where the devil is king. I will remain general in my remarks, and with great pain try to be as brief as in three parliamentary minutes.

I believe we all have agreed on the fundamental causes of this potential calamity that threatens this planet ...if it's occurrence is left unchecked.

Please favor me with your good imagination.....imagine, if you can

A breadfruit falls on a car windshield and cracks it. Who is responsible? Well, if the breadfruit tree was planted too close to the road, and its branches overhang the public road. And the land owner picks and benefits from the breadfruit tree, including from branches that overhang the public right of way. And there also is evidence that ripened breadfruits and leaves fall on the roadway and create a messy nuisance. Then, in my humble legal breadfruit opinion the landowner is liable. But, being good neighbors, the car owner advises the breadfruit owner of the cause of the crack in his car's windshield, presents a police report on breadfruit vs. car, and as good neighbors they agree on the cause, and sat down under the tree to discuss how to avoid further breadfruit falling on cars and also what to do with several issues: one, need of removing the tree branches that over hang public highways, and two, the cost of repair of the broken windshield. Too simplistic? Yes! Relevant? Pointedly so!

We have reached a point in scientific research that concluded quite clearly what causes this dooming climate change. That is why we are here in Paris to join in the COP 21 discussions. We who are most threatened have a target we agreed to, they...whoever they are...still disagree and continue to work against not just logic and common sense, but also desperately hope that their scientists can prove us wrong.....like that tobacco does not contribute to cancer.

Our planet cries out with pain, and wonders if anyone cares. We do care, but it is not enough that only those of us who are most threatened care. There must be a collective WE. And I am drawn to suspect that that is why we are here.

Someone asked me the other day, with genuine concern in his manner if the people know about Climate Change. For lack of a good thought out answer, I shot from the hip...that many of my people do not know the Earth as a planet among stars. They only know that their world is made up of islands and their surrounding seas. They only see that parts of their islands continue to wash away...and they wonder why we have lied to them that sea level rise is a gradual thing of the future.

Ladies and gentlemen,

We know that future damages are not going to be simply large, but potentially be absolute in its wrath...Resulting in mass relocations of oceanic societies with the risk of losing social and cultural ways of life.. culminating in civil and social unrest, and possibly genocide of oceanic cultures. Our purpose here in Paris demonstrates our acknowledgement of the cause and effect climate change and global warming have on our Planet Earth;

And that in this acceptance of this knowledge, we are determined to support and institute a path to change.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The last minute of my remarks I dedicate to the scientists and technicians...the hard working people who work with the devilish details.

The world will hear of our great speeches. But, only they will fully understand how truly remarkable the effect of small matters on the greater things in life. People will hear that we wanted to get here and then there, but they only will know the secrets that allowed us to get here and there. They may know that I spoke with great emphasis on how we must embrace our hope to right a wrong, to prove right over might but only they can tell how and why we succeeded and have arrived on the shores of France ...poised to bring conclusive collective solutions to our effort to right the path of Climate Change. On behalf of all of us we thank you very sincerely.

Ladies and gentlemen,

I ask with humility that those whose worlds have depended on industrial smoke-stacks of development hear our pleas and ease our plight; but, I ask also those of us who have long professed the possession of understanding and patience, that we mark this spot not just with a simple dot, but put a stone there as a milestone; that we take comfort in the thought that after so long we finally have sat down under a tree in Paris, France to speak about how, how to slow down and, perhaps finally, bring to a stop the cause of damages to our once balanced world climate.

Let us simply say that no fingers are pointed, for we each did what we needed to do to support our way of life until; but,

In this concession..we must encourage all to make another cohesive, collective concession toward some solution to this not-so-good-change in our climate.

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(THANKS TO ALL YOUR HEARTS)