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## **Statement from the Office of the Governor**

Last night, September 21, 2023, Governor Lemanu P. S. Mauga left to attend the second U.S.-Pacific Island Forum (PIF) Summit hosted by President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. at the White House. The summit will take place Monday, September 25, 2023.

According to the Biden-Harris administration, the U.S.-PIF Summit is part of the President's ongoing commitment to fostering cooperation and addressing crucial regional priorities alongside our Pacific Island counterparts. A roundtable discussion is scheduled with the President to discuss common development challenges such as climate change, economic infrastructure development, security, health, education, business, trade and investment. The summit is a means to seek pathways on how the United States can assist Pacific Islands.

Governor Lemanu and our delegation look forward to contributing to the fruitful discussions and outcomes of this event.

The day-to-day operations of the territory will continue under Lieutenant Governor Talauega E. V. Ale, who will serve as Acting Governor in his absence.