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To: UNITED AIRLINES, NAURU AIRLINES
From: Jack Niedenthal, Secretary of Health & Human Services
Subject: **CLARIFICATION for UPDATED INTERIM RMI Travel Advisory
for 2019-nCoV of 31 January 2020**

This is a letter of clarification regarding the 31 January 2020 issuance of the **REPUBLIC OF MARSHALL ISLANDS 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS UPDATED *INTERIM* HEALTH TRAVEL ADVISORY & RESTRICTIONS.**

1. Transiting Passengers are **not allowed to disembark or deplane** until further notice.
2. All United Airlines and Nauru Airlines staff, along with Immigrations, Customs, Security and staff at the airport, are to wear masks and gloves.

I would also like to reiterate that airlines need to adhere to the new 31 January 2020 Travel Advisory referred to above which is attached to this letter.

Jack Niedenthal
Republic of the Marshall Islands
Secretary of Health & Human Services



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ISSUANCE 2: As of 31 January 2020

(Subject to regular review, as required)

On 30 January 2020, World Health Organization declared the current novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). The virus was first detected in Wuhan city, Hubei Province, PRC, and subsequently cases of 2019-nCoV have been detected in 18 countries.

The new virus is a coronavirus, which is a family of viruses that include the common cold, and viruses that cause severe respiratory infections. The virus can be transmitted from person to person, similar to other influenza viruses.

In response to the declaration of PHEIC, the Republic of Marshall Islands' (RMI) former 2019-nCoV travel advisory and restrictions (Issuance 1: 24 January 2020), has been reviewed and updated with the following interim inbound and outbound travel restrictions for all visitors to RMI. **These requirements will come into force effective, February 2, 2020.**

- **Suspension of all persons, travelling via air or sea, from affected countries listed below for a period of 30 days, starting from February 2 until March 2, 2020.**
- **All GRMI government and sponsored official trips to be suspended to affected countries listed below, effective immediately until further notice, with the exception of patients approved by the RMI Medical Referral Committee.**

These are interim travel restrictions, introduced to allow the Government of RMI to implement health emergency preparedness measures at points of entry, to support the future rapid detection and containment of any 2019-nCoV cases. These restrictions will be reviewed and updated as needed and communicated to the public.

The following list of 2019-nCoV affected countries is subject to rapid change based upon global situation and risk, as determined by Secretary of Health and Human Services by official notice.

2019-nCoV affected countries subject to RMI travel restriction:

- **People's Republic of China**
- **Macau SAR**
- **Hong Kong SAR**

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January 31, 2020