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Dear IPBES members, observers and other interested stakeholders,

I am pleased to bring more good news regarding membership this week and to announce that the Government of the Republic of Palau has formally joined IPBES as its 143rd member. The designated IPBES national focal point for Palau has been reflected on the IPBES website.

I know that you will join me in warmly welcoming Palau to the growing IPBES family!

Yours sincerely,

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