

MICRONESIAN STATES TO STAY IN PACIFIC BLOC

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Five Micronesian nations suspended breakaway plans from a crucial Pacific Islands political bloc as U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken arrived in the region.

The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru and Palau “have agreed to temporarily rescind their withdrawal” from the Pacific Islands Forum. The five territories announced a year ago they were quitting the group after their nominee lost the vote for a new forum secretary general.

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