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Agenda item 85 (b)

**Sustainable development:  
further implementation of the  
Programme of Action for the  
Sustainable Development of  
Small Island Developing States**

**Qatar \*Draft resolution**

**Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the  
Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the Declaration of Barbados<sup>1</sup> and the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,<sup>2</sup> adopted by the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, and recalling also its resolution 49/122 of 19 December 1994 on the Global Conference, **(PP1 of 58/213A)**

*Recalling also* its resolutions 58/213 A of 23 December 2003 and 58/213 B of 15 June 2004,

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\* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

<sup>1</sup> *Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April-6 May 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigenda), chap. I, resolution I, annex I.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, annex II.

*Recalling further* the offer by the Government of Mauritius to host the International Meeting,

*Welcoming* the preparatory activities undertaken at the national, regional and international levels for the International Meeting,

1. *Recalls* its decision to convene the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States from 10 to 14 January 2005;
2. *Decides* to hold, two days of informal consultations in Mauritius, on 8 and 9 January 2005, to facilitate the effective preparation of the International Meeting;
3. *Urges* that representation and participation at the International Meeting be at the highest level; **(OP8 of 58/213)**
4. *Takes note of the* Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory meeting for the International Meeting.
5. *Approves* the organization of work and annotated agenda of the International Meeting, as contained in the note of the Secretary-General<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>3</sup> To be issued

6. *Expresses* its appreciation for the contributions made to the voluntary trust fund established for the purpose of assisting small island developing States to participate fully and effectively in the International Meeting and its preparatory process, as approved by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 2003/55 and decision 2003/283,<sup>4</sup> and urges all Member States and organizations to contribute generously to the fund; **(OP19 of 58/213)**

7. *Decides* that non-governmental organizations whose work is relevant to the subject of the International Meeting, that are not currently accredited to the Economic and Social Council, may submit applications to participate as observers in the International Meeting, not later than 31 October 2004, subject to the approval of the General Assembly at its 59<sup>th</sup> session. *Reiterates* that the participation of major groups, including non-governmental organizations, in the International Meeting shall be in accordance with rule 65 of the provisional rules of procedure of the International Meeting.

8. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to strengthen the SIDS Unit within the Department Economic and Social Affairs to enable it to effectively assist in the preparation for the comprehensive review of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and in the implementation of the outcome of the International Meeting, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to strengthen the SIDS Unit and SIDSNet with the increased resources and numbers of professional and support staff that are necessary to undertake its broad range of functions in support of the system-wide implementation of the Programme of Action and the

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<sup>4</sup> See also A/C.2/58/4.

outcome of the International Meeting, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 123 of the Programme of Action and as called for in 56/198 and 57/262;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its **sixtieth** session, under the item entitled “sustainable development”, a sub-item entitled “Further implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: follow-up to the outcomes of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action”, and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its **sixtieth** session the report of the International Meeting.  
**(OP 25 of 58/213 A)**

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