

Thank you Mr President.

Excellencies and colleagues,

It is my great privilege and joy to speak here today on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States in welcoming the adoption of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda as the outcome document of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development.

Let me take this opportunity to commend the co-facilitators, coordinators and negotiators who helped make this document a reality. And let me extend our warmest thanks to our gracious hosts, who played a pivotal role throughout this process. We align this statement with that delivered by the Republic of South Africa on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

What we have achieved here today is another stepping stone on the path towards addressing the greatest challenges faced by the global community. May the seeds we have planted, grow to fruition through the coming Summit on the Post 2015 Development Agenda in September, and through the Conference of Parties of the UNFCCC in Paris at the end of this year.

The framework that we have created, is one geared towards addressing the three dimensions of sustainable development. It recognizes fundamentally, that development is holistic, and that viable solutions for national development is only possible through increased political will, enhanced partnerships, and committed action.

SIDS, through the G77, have engaged actively throughout the negotiation process and welcome the recognition of the special case of SIDS in development, and the specific provisions for its implementation that this recognition entails. Though there is much language that can be strengthened throughout this document, to cater to the needs of the world's most vulnerable,

let us now look to the remaining processes this year, so that no country is left behind and our successes are fructified on the tree of our endeavors.

Thank you.