

Draft ECOSOC Resolution adopted by CSD-11

Preparations for the International Meeting to Review Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the decision of the General Assembly in resolution 57/262 to convene an international meeting in 2004 in Mauritius, including a high-level segment, for a full and comprehensive review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

Also recalling the decision to convene regional and interregional preparatory meetings of small island developing States;

Further recalling the decision to invite the Commission on Sustainable Development, at its eleventh session, to consider its role in the preparatory process for the comprehensive review of the implementation of the Programme of Action;

Noting the preliminary discussion of the issues by the Commission on Sustainable Development at its eleventh session in its consideration of its role in the preparations for the international meeting;

1. Decides that the Commission on Sustainable Development, during its twelfth session in 2004, will undertake a three-day preparatory meeting for the international meeting for an in-depth assessment and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action, and will finalize the preparations for the international meeting, including its agenda;

2. Also decides that the three-day preparatory meeting shall consider a synthesis report, to be prepared by the Secretary-General on the basis of the recommendations contained in:

(a) The national assessment reports from small island developing States, where available;

(b) Expert thematic workshop reports; and

(c) The reports of the regional and interregional preparatory meetings, referred to in paragraph 6 below, on the implementation of the Programme of Action;

3. Invites the international donor and development community and international organizations to provide information, on or before 31 January 2004, on their activities in support of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, as well as on recommendations for further action in support of the full implementation of the

Programme of Action, and requests that the information provided be considered by the Secretary-General in the preparation of the synthesis report referred to in paragraph 2 above;

4. Welcomes the work-in-progress in all small island developing States to continue and enhance their preparations for the international meeting, and calls upon the international community, United Nations agencies and intergovernmental bodies to support the efforts of small island developing States in their preparations of national assessment reports to be completed by July 2003, given that national reports are a critical component for the comprehensive review of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States in providing information on respective national circumstances;

5. Emphasizes that in the preparation of reporting referred to in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 above, the provisions of paragraph 9 of United Nations General Assembly resolution 57/262 should be taken into account, and invites the Secretary-General to make full use of the Small Island Developing States Information Network (SIDSNet) in his efforts to disseminate the various reports;

6. Welcomes, in accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 57/262, the following regional preparatory meetings for the:

(a) Pacific SIDS, to be held in Apia, Samoa, from 4 to 8 August 2003;

(b) Caribbean SIDS, to be held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, from 18 to 22 August 2003; and for the

(c) Atlantic, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean and South China Seas SIDS to be held in Praia, Cape Verde, from 1 to 5 September 2003,

as well as an interregional preparatory meeting, with ministerial participation, for all small island developing States, to be held in Nassau, Bahamas, from 26 to 30 January 2004;

7. Encourages Governments and participants at the High-Level Segment of the twelfth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development to also address, within the thematic cluster of issues for that session, matters related to the sustainable development of small island developing States and the Programme of Action;

8. Invites the international community, United Nations agencies and intergovernmental bodies to support regional initiatives and to collaborate closely in partnership with the regional organizations and institutions to expedite preparations for the review, noting the work already done by the regional organizations and institutions, bearing in mind the coordinating role assigned to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs by the General Assembly, and its Water, Natural Resources and SIDS Branch as chair of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the international meeting;

9. Reiterates the need for the full participation of small island developing States in the preparatory process leading to, as well as in, the international meeting, and invites Governments,

and international and regional intergovernmental organizations, to contribute to the voluntary trust fund called for in paragraph 15 of General Assembly resolution 57/262;

10. Reiterates also the need for the effective participation of associate members of regional economic commissions, and calls for their participation to be facilitated through the voluntary trust fund referred to in paragraph 9 above;

11. Invites interested governments and donor organizations to support the participation of major groups in the preparatory process and in the international meeting itself;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to work within existing resources and especially to utilize fully the savings from the budget that would result from not implementing the two inter-sessional meetings of the Commission on Sustainable Development as programmed in 2003 and voluntary contributions as necessary, for the preparatory process referred to above.
