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Programme of meetings and agenda

Friday, 14 January 2005

General Assembly

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

High-level segment

9 a.m.–1 p.m. 4th plenary meeting Conference Room 1

High level segment

Comprehensive review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: general debate [8]

Statements by Heads of State or Government and Heads of Delegation (continued):

H.E. Mr. Joseph J. Urusemal, President of the Federated States of Micronesia

H.E. The Honourable Camsek Elias Chin, Vice-President of the Republic of Palau

H.E. The Honourable Sato Kilman, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Vanuatu

H.E. The Honourable Stephen Kalonzo Musyoka, MP, Minister for Environment and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kenya

H.E. Mr. John Kachamila, Minister for Coordination of Environment Affairs of the Republic of Mozambique

H.E. Mr. Issa Mohammad Al-Own, Under-Secretary of Energy of the State of Kuwait

H.E. Mr. Louis Michel, European Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Affairs (European Community)

H.E. Dr. Yaacob bin Ibrahim, Minister for the Environment and Water Resources of the Republic of Singapore

H.E. The Honourable Marcus Bethel, Minister for Health and Environment of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas

H.E. Mr. Xavier Darcos, Minister for Development, Cooperation and Francophonie of France

H.E. Mr. Maged Georges Ilias Ghattas, Minister of State for Environment Affairs of Egypt

H.E. Sir Moi Avei, KBE, MP, Special Envoy of the Prime Minister, Minister for Petroleum and Energy, Acting Minister for National Planning and Rural Development of Papua New Guinea

H.E. The Honourable Arcado Nfagazwa, Minister of State (Environment and Union Matters) of the United Republic of Tanzania

H.E. Mr. Hamidou Sidibe, Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development of the Republic of Senegal

H.E. Mr. Ole E. Moesby, Under-Secretary of State for Multilateral Affairs of Denmark

H.E. Mr. Navin Chandernal, Special Envoy for the President on Environment and Sustainable Development of Guyana

H.E. Ms. Yoriko Kawaguchi, Special Adviser to the Prime Minister of Japan

H.E. Mr. Evripidis Stylianidis, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic of Greece

H.E. Mr. Drazen Margeta, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia

H.E. The Honourable Zainal Abidin Osman, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia

H.E. Ms. Patricia Olamendi Torres, Under-Secretary for Multilateral and Human Rights Issues of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico

H.E. Ms. Sandelle Scrimshaw, High Commissioner for Canada in Mauritius and Special Envoy of the Minister of International Cooperation to the International Meeting

H.E. Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria

H.E. Mr. José Iglésias Soares, President of the Portuguese Institute for Development Assistance

H.E. Mr. Mohamed Latheef, Head of the Delegation, Maldives

H.E. Mrs. O.Y. Ivanova, Head of the Delegation, Russian Federation

H.E. Mr. Aminu Bashir Wali, Head of the Delegation, Nigeria

H.E. Mr. Harald Neple, Head of the Delegation, Norway

H.E. Mr. Bashir Abu Sita, Chairman of the Delegation, Sudan

H.E. Mr. Oswaldo de Rivero Barreto, Head of the Delegation, Peru

H.E. Mr. Sichan Siv, Alternate Head of the Delegation, United States of America

H.E. Mr. Ulrich Lehner, Head of the Delegation, Switzerland

H.E. Mr. Hjálmar W. Hannesson, Head of the Delegation, Iceland

H.E. Mrs. Maritza Amalia Guerrero, Alternate Head of the Delegation, Dominican Republic

H.E. Mr. Gerhard Pfanzelter, Head of the Delegation, Austria

H.E. Mr. Abdulaziz Nasser R. Al-Shamsi, Head of the Delegation, United Arab Emirates

3–6 p.m. 5th plenary meeting Conference Room 1

High level segment

1. Comprehensive review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: general debate [8]

Statements by heads of State or Government and Heads of Delegation (conclusion):

H.E. Mr. Jaroslav Siro, Head of the Delegation, Czech Republic

H.E. Mr. Mykhailo Skuratovsskyi, Head of the Delegation, Ukraine

H.E. Mr. Syed Hassan Javed, Head of the Delegation, Pakistan

H.E. Mr. Ali Goutali, Head of the Delegation, Tunisia

Mr. Carlos Sérgio Sobral Duarte, Head of the Delegation, Brazil

Mr. Claudio Rojas, Head of the Delegation, Chile

H.E. Dr. Carlyle G. Corbin, Minister of State for External Affairs of the United States Virgin Islands

Mr. Joseph Manaute, Head of the Delegation, New Caledonia

Dr. Roland Antonius, Head of the Delegation, Netherland Antilles

H.E. Mr. Don McKinnon, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Secretariat

H.E. Mr. Edwin W. Carrington, Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community

Mrs. Ndioro Ndiaye, Deputy Director-General, International Organization for Migration

Dr. Raymond Forde, Member of the Governing Board, President, Barbados Red Cross, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Dr. Maxwell M. Mkwezalamba, Commissioner for Economic Affairs, African Union

Mr. Leonard Good, CEO and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility

Mr. Paul Verges, Member of the Indian Ocean Commission Council of Ministers

Mr. Klaus Töpfer, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Mr. Zéphirin Diabre, Associate Administrator, United Nations Development Programme

Mrs. Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka, Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements
World Health Organization

Mr. Jurgen T. Reitmaier, Senior Resident Representative, International Monetary Fund

Mr. Hak-Su Kim, Executive Secretary of Economic and Social Commission of Asia and the Pacific

Mr. Greg Urwin, Secretary-General, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

Mrs. Sachiko Kuwabara Yamamoto, Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the Basel Convention

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2. Credentials of representatives to the International Meeting [7]
 - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee (A/CONF.207/9)
 3. Adoption of the final outcomes of the International Meeting (A/CONF.207/L.4 and Add.1-8 and A/CONF.207/CRP.7). [9]
 4. Adoption of the report of the International Meeting (A/CONF.207/7 and Add.1-5, A/CONF.207/8 and Add.1-2, A/CONF.207/L.3 and Add.1-2). [10]
 5. Expression of gratitude to the host country
Introduction and action on draft resolution A/CONF.207/L.5
 6. Closure of the International Meeting
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International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

High-level segment

Round table 2

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Conference Room 2

Round Table 2 on “The way forward: Building capacity in small island developing States” (A/CONF.207/CRP.6, A/CONF.207/7 and Add.1-5 and A/CONF.207/8 and Add.1-2)

Co-Chairpersons: H.E. Mr. Kessai H. Note, President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands; and H.E. Mr. Jacob Zuma, Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa

Moderator: Mr. Leonard Good, CEO and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility

Other meetings

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JUSCANZ Group

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Caucus Room 6

Group of Friends of the Host Country (at the Head of Delegation level)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Pacific Island Forum Group

2.30–3.30 p.m. Closed meeting Caucus Room 5

Press conferences

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Press briefing room (Media Centre) (room L-6)

- 9.30 a.m. Mr. John F. Turner, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, United States (on Earth observations and tsunami warning systems)
- 11 a.m. Mrs. Joyce Yu, Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative for Samoa; Mr. Phillipe Boullé, Expert for the SIDS Meeting and Specialist in Disaster Risk Management; and Mr. Vinesh Y. Hookoomsing, Pro Vice-Chancellor, University of Mauritius (on successful practices in mitigating the impact of natural disasters on small island developing States)
- 11.30 a.m. H.E. Mr. Xavier Darcos, Minister for Development, Cooperation and Francophonie of France
- 12 noon H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations
- 3.30 p.m. Mr. Anwarul K. Chowdhury, Under-Secretary-General and Secretary-General of the International Meeting

Side events and partnerships activities

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At the International Conference Centre:

Side events:

- 1.15–2.45 p.m. GEF Small Grants Programme and SIDS (organized by the Global Environment Facility (GEF)) (*Conference Room 3*)
- 1.15–2.45 p.m. Vulnerability, Adaptation and Insurance for the Small Island Developing States: A Strategy for Action (organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)) (*Amphitheatre*)

At La Cannelle Building:

- 1.15–2.45 p.m. Water and Energy for Sustainable Development in SIDS: New Instruments to Promote Water and Energy Access (organized by the European Commission)

Special event

A film, entitled “The other side of paradise”, about the challenges of climate change for small island developing States, will be shown *today*, 14 January 2005, at 8.45 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The 11-minute film was co-produced for the International Meeting by the United Nations Television and the World Meteorological Organization.

Summary of meetings

Thursday, 13 January 2005

General Assembly

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

High-level segment

The Meeting held a handing-over ceremony of the custodianship of the Small Island Developing States Process from Barbados to Mauritius and heard statements by H.E. The Right Honourable Owen S. Arthur, MP, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs of Barbados, and H.E. Mr. Paul Raymond Bérenger G.C.S.K, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius.

2nd plenary meeting

Comprehensive review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: general debate [8]

Opening of the high-level segment

H.E. Mr. Paul Raymond Bérenger G.C.S.K, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius and President of the International Meeting, declared open the high-level segment of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and addressed the International Meeting.

H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, addressed the International Meeting

H.E. Mr. Jean Ping, President of the General Assembly, also addressed the International Meeting.

Statements by Heads of State or Government and Heads of Delegation

Statements were made by H.E. The Right Honourable Owen S. Arthur, MP, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs of Barbados; H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations in New York (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); H.E. Mr. Jean-Louis Schiltz, Minister for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Assistance of Luxembourg (on behalf of European Union and the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey; and the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro); H.E. Mr. James A. Michel, President of the Republic of Seychelles; H.E. Col. Azali Assoumani, President of the Union of Comoros; H.E. The Honourable Ludwig Scotty, MP, President of the Republic of Nauru; H.E. Mr. Anote Tong, President of the Republic of Kiribati; H.E. Mr. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea; H.E. The Honourable Dr. Denzil L. Douglas, Prime Minister of Saint Kitts and Nevis; H.E. The Honourable Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Independent State of Samoa; H.E. The Honourable Maatia Toafa, Prime Minister of Tuvalu; H.E. The Honourable Jim Marurai, Prime Minister of the Cook Islands; H.E. Mr. Mari Alkatiri, Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste; H.R.H. Prince `Ulukalala Lavaka ATA, Prime Minister and Minister for Civil Aviation of Tonga; H.E. The Honourable John Briceño, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Natural Resources and the Environment, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance of Belize; H.E. The Honourable Toke Talagi, Deputy Premier, Minister for Environment of Niue; H.E. Mr. Jacob G. Zuma, Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa; H.E. Mr. Rahmat Witoelar, State Minister for Environment of the Republic of Indonesia; H.E. The Honourable Ferguson John, Minister for Physical Development, Environment and Housing of Saint Lucia; H.E. Mr. E. Ahamed, Minister of State for External Affairs of India; H.E. Dr. Douglas Slater, Minister of Health and Environment of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; H.E. The Honourable Marian Hobbs, Minister for the Environment and Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Official Development Assistance) of New Zealand; and H.E. Mr. Errol Cort, Minister for Finance and the Economy of Antigua and Barbuda.

3rd plenary meeting

Comprehensive review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: general debate [8]

High-level segment (continued)

Statements by Heads of State or Government and Heads of Delegation

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Kessai H. Note, President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands; H.E. The Honourable Sir Allan Kemakeza, Prime Minister of Solomon Islands; His Highness Shaikh Salman Bin Khalifa Al-Khalifa, Special Envoy of the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain; H.E. Mr. Marcel Ranjeva, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Madagascar; H.E. Mr. Li Zhaoxing, Special Envoy of President Hu Jintao, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China; H.E. The Honourable Ann Antoine, Minister for Health, the Environment and Ecclesiastic Affairs of Grenada; H.E. Mr. Clifford Marica, Minister for Labour, Technological Development and Environment of the Republic of Suriname; H.E. Mr. Mohammed El Yazghi, Minister for Territory Planning, Water and Environment of the Kingdom of Morocco; H.E. Mr. Ovideo Manuel Barbosa Pequeno, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Community of Sao Tome and Principe; H.E. Mr. Ricardo Cabrisas Ruiz, Minister of Government of the Republic of Cuba; H.E. The Honourable Francis O. Riviere, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Trade and Marketing of the

Commonwealth of Dominica; H.E. Mr. Bill Rammell, MP, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; H.E. The Honourable Kaliopate Tavola, Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade of the Republic of the Fiji Islands; H.E. Mr. Conor Lenihan, Minister of State, Department of Foreign Affairs, Overseas Development and Human Rights of Ireland; H.E. Mrs. Uschi Eid, Parliamentary State Secretary and Deputy Minister, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of the Federal Republic of Germany; H.E. Ms. Han Myeong-sook, Member of Parliament (former Minister of Environment) of the Republic of Korea; H.E. The Honourable Bruce Billson, Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Australia; H.E. Ms. Maria Madalena Brito Neves, Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Fisheries of the Republic of Cape Verde; H.E. Mr. Yves André Wainwright, Minister for the Environment of Haiti; H.E. The Honourable Pernelle Beckles, Minister for Public Utilities and the Environment of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago; H.E. Mr. Dean Peart, MP, Minister of Land and Environment of Jamaica; H.E. Mr. Abdelkader Messahel, Minister in charge of Magrebines and African Affairs of Algeria; H.E. Senator Alfredo Luigi Mantica, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Italy; and H.E. Dr. Sorajak Kasemsuvan, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand.

Statements were also made by Mr. Koichiro Matsuura, Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; Mr. Michel Jarraud, Secretary-General of the World Meteorology Organization (WMO); Ms. Joke Waller-Hunter, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC); Mr. Ian Goldin, Vice-President, External Affairs, Communication and United Nations Affairs of the World Bank; and Mr. Abdulie Janneh, Assistant Secretary-General, Regional Bureau for Africa of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Round table 1

The way forward: Mobilizing resources for the further implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action (A/CONF.207/CRP.6, A/CONF.207/7 and Add.1-5 and A/CONF.207/8 and Add.1-2)

The round table was co-chaired by H.E. The Rt. Hon. Owen S. Arthur, Prime Minister, Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs of Barbados; and H.E. Mr. Louis Michel, European Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Affairs; and moderated by Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

The Co-Chair, H.E. The Rt. Hon. Owen S. Arthur, Prime Minister, Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs of Barbados, opened the discussion.

Statements were made by the representatives of Grenada, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, the United States, Dominica, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Marshall Islands, France, Cuba, Cape Verde, Samoa, Finland, Malaysia, Comoros, Tunisia, Mauritius and the Federated States of Micronesia, as well as representatives of the United Nations Conference on Trade (UNCTAD), the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

The representatives of the following major groups also participated in the round table discussion: Caribbean Region and the IMS Region.

The Co-Chairmen reacted to comments made by the participants.

The Co-Chairman, H.E. Mr. Louis Michel, European Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Affairs, summarized the points discussed.

International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States**Main Committee**

2nd meeting *Adoption of the final outcomes of the International Meeting* [9]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

A statement was made by the Chairman, after which the Committee proceeded to approve the draft Strategy, as contained in document A/CONF.207/CRP.7, chapter by chapter.

Before the approval of chapter III (Management of waste), a statement was made by the representative of Japan.

Before the approval of the draft Strategy as a whole, the representative of Nauru proposed an amendment to the title of the draft Strategy.

The Committee then adopted the amendment to the title, after which the Committee decided to approve the draft Mauritius Strategy as a whole, for transmittal to the plenary of the International Meeting for adoption.

Adoption of the report of the Main Committee

The Committee adopted the procedural part of its draft report, as contained in document A/CONF.207/L.4, on the understanding that it would be finalized by the inclusion of the proceedings of its 2nd meeting.

Conclusion of the work of the Main Committee

Statements were made by the representatives of Mauritius and Luxembourg.

The Chairman then made a closing statement and the work of the Main Committee was thus concluded.

Announcement

The summary of the meetings held *today*, 14 January 2005, will be published in the daily *Journal* issued at United Nations Headquarters, New York.

Information for participants

Bilateral meetings

During the high-level segment of the International Meeting, two small rooms, Caucus Rooms 1 and 2, located on the ground level of the International Convention Centre, will be available from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. for bilateral meetings. Reservations should be directed to Ms. Jane Pittson, Deputy Coordinator of Conference Services (room G-11; tel. 206-0605).

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Delegations are also requested to provide 100 copies of their speeches to the Media Documents Office located in the Press area on the lower level (room L-14).

List of participants

Delegations that have not already submitted the names of their representatives participating in the International Meeting are kindly requested to do so as soon as possible at the Protocol Office, located on the ground floor of the Conference Centre (tel. 206-0695).

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Press conferences

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