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Review of United Nations support for small island developing States

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Declaration of Barbados,¹ the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States² and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,³

Recalling also its resolutions 2009/17 of 29 July 2009 and 2010/34 of 23 July 2010 on the review of United Nations support for small island developing States,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 65/2 of 25 September 2010 on the outcome document of the High-level Review Meeting on the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,

* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

** In accordance with General Assembly resolution 52/250.

¹ *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 1, annex I.

² *Ibid.*, annex II.

³ *Report of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Port Louis, Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.05.II.A.4 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.



Recalling the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its twelfth session⁴ containing the Committee's independent views and perspectives on United Nations support for small island developing States,

Recalling also that the unique and particular vulnerabilities and development needs of small island developing States have been acknowledged by the international community,

Acknowledging that small island developing States have demonstrated their commitment to promoting sustainable development and will continue to do so, as well as the long-standing support provided by the international community,

Noting that the High-level Review meeting on the Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy highlighted some shortcomings in the institutional support for small island developing States, as well as other constraints to the full and effective implementation of the Mauritius Strategy and the Barbados Programme of Action,

1. *Requests* the Committee for Development Policy, within existing resources, to submit to the Council, prior to its substantive session of 2013, a report providing the independent views and perspectives of the Committee on how to further the full and effective implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action and the Mauritius Strategy, including through refocusing efforts towards a result-orientated approach and considering what improved and additional measures might be needed to more effectively address the unique and particular vulnerabilities and development needs of small island developing States;

2. *Recommends* that the report requested in paragraph 1 may be considered a contribution to the ongoing review process initiated under paragraph 33 of General Assembly resolution 65/2;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to facilitate the work of the Committee for Development Policy as requested in paragraph 1, upon the request of the Committee;

4. *Notes* the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General⁵ to the Economic and Social Council.

⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2010, Supplement No. 13 (E/2010/33).*

⁵ E/2011/110.