8 June 2016

Excellency,

Please find attached communication from H.E. Mr. Sebastiano Cardi, Permanent Representative of Italy and H.E. Mr. Ahmed Sareer, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Maldives, in their capacity as Co-Chairs of the Steering Committee on Partnerships for Small Island Developing States.

I encourage member States to actively participate at the second meeting of the Steering Committee taking place on Monday, 20 June 2016, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m., in Conference Room 3.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Mogens Lykketoft

To All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York
New York, 7 June 2016

Excellency,

We are writing you in our capacity as the co-chairs of the Steering Committee on Partnerships for Small Island Developing States (SIDS), appointed by the President of the General Assembly through his letter dated 20 January 2016.

Following our letter of 9 May, we have the honour to invite you to the second meeting of the Steering Committee, that will be held on 20 June 2016, from 3:00pm to 4.30pm, at Conference Room 3, United Nations Headquarters in New York.

This meeting is held pursuant to paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution A/RES/70/202 “Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States”, which decided, in accordance with paragraph 101 of the Samoa Pathway, to establish the SIDS Partnership Framework, to monitor and ensure the full implementation of pledges and commitments through partnerships for SIDS.

The agenda of the meeting will be the following:

- Presentation of the online Partnerships Platform, reporting template, and updates with regard to the status of registration of partnerships;
- Discussion on organising a stocktaking event on SIDS partnerships during the 2016 High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development;
- Discussion on organising the first Global Multi-Stakeholder SIDS Partnership Dialogue in September 2016, which will also launch the first publication on Partnerships for SIDS.

Your support to the activities of the steering committee will give an important contribution to the advancement of SIDS partnerships and the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway. We therefore look forward to welcoming you at the meeting.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of our highest consideration.

H.E. Mr. Ahmed Sareer
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of Maldives to the UN

H.E. Mr. Sebastiano Cardi
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