



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

24 May 2019

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 23 May 2019, from H.E. Satyendra Prasad, Permanent Representative of Fiji, and H.E. Geraldine Byrne Nason, Permanent Representative of the Ireland, co-facilitators of the intergovernmental consultations on the political declaration of the High-level mid-term review of the Small Island Developing States Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway, as per resolution A/RES/72/307.

The letter attached herewith invites your delegation to participate at the expert level, at a reading of the text, on 4 June 2019, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room 11. Attached herewith is a record of the substantive comments and inputs provided to date, by delegations, to the co-chairs, as well as the edited zero draft.

I, once again, would like to take this opportunity to wish you, and your delegation, fruitful discussions as you work towards a political declaration.

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

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "MFESPINOSA".

María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés

All Permanent Representatives and  
Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York



23 May 2019

Excellency,

We write to you in our capacities as Co-Chairs appointed by the President of the General Assembly to facilitate the intergovernmental consultations for a concise, action-oriented and inter-governmentally agreed political declaration of the high-level mid-term review of the SAMOA Pathway.

Following constructive consultations with delegations at expert level earlier this week, the co-facilitators would like to take this opportunity to circulate the attached edited zero draft. The edits do not impact the substance of the draft as they only concern stylistic formatting which are clearly indicated for ease of reference.

We also attach separately a record of the substantive comments and inputs provided to date by delegations.

We intend to conduct a further reading of the text at expert level on 4 June 2019, 3:00pm -6:00pm in Conference Room 11 (CR11).

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

Sincerely

Satyendra Prasad  
Permanent Representative of Fiji

Geraldine Byrne Nason  
Permanent Representative of Ireland

**Mid-Term Review of the SAMOA Pathway**  
**High Level Political Declaration**  
**(Edited Zero Draft)**

**PREAMBLE**

1. We, the Heads of State and Government, Ministers and High Representatives, ~~are~~ gathered at the United Nations on 27 September 2019, to review ~~the sustainable development aspirations and priorities of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) through~~ the implementation of the Small Island Developing States Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway. ~~We~~ reaffirm our commitment to strengthen cooperation and support towards SIDS in the context of sustainable development.
2. We reaffirm that SIDS still remain a special case for sustainable development and commend the efforts of SIDS in implementing their sustainable development agendas. ~~We and~~ recognize the importance of this High-level Midterm Review to SIDS as an opportunity to highlight and identify the successes, and challenges, faced by SIDS in implementing the SAMOA Pathway. ~~The international community~~ ~~We~~ reaffirm ~~s its our~~ solidarity with SIDS as they face the combined challenges, arising in particular from the geographical remoteness of their islands, the small scale of their economies and the ongoing adverse effects caused by climate change.
3. We reaffirm ~~the that~~ SAMOA Pathway, which is an integral part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, is a standalone, overarching framework for guiding global, regional and national development efforts to achieve the sustainable development aspirations of SIDS. ~~It build~~ ~~ing~~ on the Barbados Programme of Action (BPoA) ~~for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (SIDS)~~ and the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation (MSI), and is line with the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the New Urban Agenda and the Paris Agreement<sup>1</sup>.
4. We therefore recognize the need to identify new and concrete measures, initiatives and partnerships at the local, national, regional and global levels that have the potential to further progress SIDS implementation of their sustainable development agendas.
5. We remain especially concerned about the continued devastation inflicted on SIDS by the adverse impacts of climate change, including slow onset events, and the increasing frequency, scale and intensity of disasters, causing massive loss of life and infrastructure, displacements and other severe negative economic, social and environmental consequences, such as threats to food security which have and continue to undermine sustainable development in SIDS.

<sup>1</sup> Adopted under the UNFCCC in [FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1](#), decision 1/CP.21.

6. We are concerned also that despite ~~progress advances made by many SIDS~~ in ~~advancing~~ social inclusion ~~made by many SIDS~~, poverty, unemployment, inequality and exclusion continue to disproportionately affect many people, ~~and~~ in particular women and girls, persons with disabilities, children and youth.
7. We recognize that SIDS, many of whom are middle-income countries, still face significant challenges in accessing concessional financing for the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway, including inherent challenges in accessing financing for development as outlined in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. Building resilience to external economic shocks, natural disasters and climate change depends on success in effecting the necessary investments which would reduce vulnerability. We remain concerned about the exclusion of many SIDS from concessional financial resources on the basis of their status as middle- and high-income countries and the persistent use of per capita GNI as a criterion for determine eligibility for access.
8. We reaffirm that international cooperation and support plays a critical role in supporting SIDS to address their vulnerabilities and ~~the~~ sustainable development goals. We are concerned about the recent downward trajectory of this contribution and call on the international community to reverse this trend. Additional resources need to be mobilized at all multilateral levels to support SIDS efforts;
9. We reaffirm the value of Partnerships as a means of supporting the sustainable development of SIDS and in promoting new, ~~genuine and durable~~~~durable and genuine~~ partnerships that ~~follow-comply with~~ the SIDS Partnership SMART criteria. ~~and~~ are based on the principles of national ownership, mutual trust, transparency and accountability and are consistent with national sustainable development priorities. ~~]~~

## PROGRESS, GAPS AND CHALLENGES

10. We acknowledge that SIDS ~~despite their challenges and vulnerabilities~~ continue to demonstrate their commitment to promoting sustainable development, ~~They have by~~ mainstream~~ed~~ing sustainable development objectives into national development strategies; enhance~~d~~ing political commitments and public awareness of the importance of sustainable development issues and mobiliz~~ed~~ing domestic and regional resources to meet their sustainable development goals, ~~despite their challenges and vulnerabilities.~~
11. We note progress made by SIDS in the areas inter alia of gender, health, education and the environment, ~~We are nonetheless, but are~~ concerned that ~~overall progress in the social~~

~~dimensions of the SAMOA Pathway lags behind in the environment and economic dimensions, based on analyses of the implementation of the priority areas of the SAMOA Pathway as aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) indicators, that the overall implementation of the Social pillar of the SAMOA Pathway lags behind the Environmental and Economic pillars and is exacerbated by the limited or non-availability of data for measurement. (para 43 from the sg report)~~

12. We reiterate that improved data collection and statistical analysis are required to enable Small Island Developing States to effectively plan, follow up on, evaluate the implementation of and track successes in the implementation of the Samoa ~~P~~pathway and the Sustainable Development goals.
13. SIDS have not achieved sustained high levels of economic growth owing in part to the ongoing negative impacts of external financial, economic and environmental shocks.
14. We are concerned about the social and economic costs of youth unemployment, the impacts of which may include alienation, deprivation and increased incidences of youth crime and recognize that high youth unemployment also poses a threat to the long-term development of SIDS.
15. While noting the progress made by SIDS in the environmental dimension, we remain especially concerned about the adverse impacts of climate change, which have and will continue to undermine sustainable development in SIDS, as projected in the Special Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change on Global Warming of 1.5°C.
16. We recognize that addressing disaster risk reduction is key to advancing sustainable and resilient development, as SIDS experience some of the most severe consequences of escalating environmental risks, thus SIDS must be prioritized and supported by the international community to build their disaster risk reduction capabilities and disaster resilience.
17. We recognize the progress made in collecting disaster-related data and the data and analysis for the Sendai Framework Monitor, and further recognize the leadership of SIDS in the development of national climate change adaptation strategies linked to national disaster risk reduction strategies as an opportunity to maximize synergies.
18. We reaffirm that successful engagement in international trade is a key driver for economic growth and sustainable development. We are concerned that SIDS continue to face challenges in engaging in the multilateral trading system heightened by high import dependence, limited

resource bases and dependence on a limited number of goods and services for export, small internal markets, limited regional and global connectivity, and lack of economies of scale.

19. We remain committed to exploring innovative financing mechanisms and products, such as blue or green bonds, with a view to improving SIDS access to finance, without conferring additional burdens on their economies. We are also encouraged by initiatives such as Debt for Climate adaptation Swaps to assist SIDS mitigate and adapt to the consequences of climate change while trying to reduce their debt burdens, and encouraging consideration of further debt relief steps, where appropriate.
20. We note that SIDS continue to lack the capacity to fully exploit their renewable energy potential, and as such, remain highly dependent on fossil fuel imports, placing a significant strain on their economies. In this regard, we welcome all initiatives and the strong momentum made towards the promotion of renewable and sustainable energy in SIDS, and call for further work and enhanced support.

#### **PRIORITY AREAS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS**

21. Over the next five years we are determined to:

- (a) take urgent global action to address human-induced climate change, by taking ambitious action needed to halve the amount of global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from 2010 levels by 2030, recognizing the responsibility of developed countries to take the lead in climate action;
- (b) act with utmost urgency to rapidly shift financial flows towards pathways consistent with limiting warming below 1.5°C, and to participate actively and meaningfully to address loss and damage, including through the provision of adequate support to initiatives under the Warsaw International Mechanism (WIM) for Loss and Damage, as well as support to enable SIDS to submit proposals to address loss and damage to the Green Climate Fund (GCF).
- (c) scale up the mobilization of the means of implementation, while recognizing and encouraging the ongoing efforts to expedite and simplify the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and other Environmental Funds' application processes.
- (d) consider and address the security implications of climate change in SIDS, including violation of territorial integrity, more frequent and severe climate-related disasters, threats to water and food security, increased natural resources scarcity, and forced displacement and the human dimensions of climate change, including where necessary, initiatives for preparing communities for relocation.

- (e) urgently undertake inter alia, the actions highlighted in the "Our Ocean, Our Future: Call for Action" and implement the respective voluntary commitments pledged during the 2017 Conference and welcome the 2020 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.
- (f) support the strengthening of the public health systems in SIDS, to reduce the risk factors for NCDs, in particular the rising incidence of obesity, cancers and cardiovascular diseases, adolescent pregnancy, maternal, newborn and child health, and other emerging issues related to the spread of vector borne diseases such as Chikungunya Virus, Zika Virus, malaria and dengue, noting that these health issues also have grave financial implications, as well as negative impact on economic productivity, as well as support the enhancement of the resilience of national health systems including by integrating disaster risk management into primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare.
- (g) continue efforts to address and manage, through innovative approaches, the different types of waste, including marine litter and chemical waste, noting with concern the linkages between the chemical waste management regime, and its implications for human health and social well-being, and recognizing that waste management is a serious challenge for SIDS. [first part of para 44 of inter-regional]
- (h) invest in developing, adapting and scaling up the application of technologies, policies, methods and tools to prevent ~~and~~ combat desertification, land degradation and drought in different regions, and to boost knowledge exchange, including of traditional knowledge with the consent of the knowledge holders, capacity-building and sharing of technologies.
- (i) enhance support to SIDS by creating the enabling environment to scale up new opportunities for economic growth and diversification, including through investments into the marine sector and creative and cultural industries, which would also serve as a means to reduce vulnerability, build resilience, foster innovation and promote entrepreneurship
- (j) strengthen engagement and participation by youth in the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway, including ~~through incorporating special consideration for~~ addressing youth unemployment, ~~in mechanisms to develop resilient SIDS economies;~~
- (k) provide timely, predictable and sustained financial resources to SIDS, with prioritized and simplified access in particular for public sources of grant based and highly concessionary finance together with technical support at the national, regional, inter-regional and international levels to ensure the successful implementation, monitoring, follow-up and

review of the outcome documents and decisions of all United Nations conferences and processes related to the sustainable development priorities of SIDS.

- (l) address the resource needs for national institutional strengthening and capacity building within and across SIDS, including ~~through~~ support to build SIDS capacity to access available ~~funding and~~ financing, especially grant and concessional financing. Therefore, we remain committed to exploring innovative sources of financing, such as blue or green bonds, as well as diaspora bonds, with a view to improving SIDS access to finance.
- (m) encourage partnerships that support SIDS to mitigate and adapt to the consequences of climate change and at the same time reduce their debt burdens, including consideration of further debt relief steps, where appropriate, which are similar to the establishment of a debt swap task force by the Economic Commission for Latin American and the Caribbean.
- (n) scale up the development of genuine and durable partnerships that follow the SMART criteria as a means also supporting the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and continue to advance partnership modalities to enhance the engagement with all relevant stakeholders at the national, regional and interregional levels.
- (o) develop an integrated trade related mechanism or framework for technical assistance for SIDS under the WTO, based on the Enhanced Integrated Framework for Trade-Related Assistance for the LDCs
- ~~(p) develop an integrated trade related mechanism or framework for technical assistance for SIDS under the WTO, based on the Enhanced Integrated Framework for Trade-Related Assistance for the LDCs.~~
- (q) promote investments in Science Technology and Innovation (STI) connectivity across SIDS, recognizing that the recently established Technology Bank for Least Developed Countries is one means by which small island least developed countries can improve the utilization of scientific and technological solutions to ensure the growth of knowledge-based economies and stress the need for similar mechanisms to address the challenges faced by all SIDS.
- (r) support national authorities to address the most significant obstacles to the continued flow of remittances, such as correspondent banking relationships and services, and work together on remittance transfer services across borders. We will increase coordination among national regulatory authorities to remove obstacles to non-bank remittance service providers accessing payment system infrastructure and promote conditions for cheaper, faster and safer transfer of remittances in both source and recipient countries. We acknowledge SIDS commitment to enhance the productive use of remittances, as well as their need for continued

support to address capital mobility, both domestically and internationally, including through the use of ICT 1.-suggest moving this to the preamble section

- (s) assist SIDS to further improve the monitoring and accountability of the SAMOA Pathway, including through strengthening regional and sub-regional Coordinating Mechanisms, which will enable better data generation, statistical analysis, knowledge management, education, communication and outreach activities, to support the effective, monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway.
- (t) implement concrete measures in support of the transition strategy for SIDS that have recently graduated or are about to graduate from least developed country status, so as to ensure the sustainability of the progress made, and call upon the Committee of Development Policy to address the special case, circumstances and vulnerabilities of SIDS, including in determining the criteria and transition period for graduation from LDC status, as part of its ongoing review;
- (u) provide adequate resources to consolidate the progress made and enable DESA and OHRLLS to better implement their mandates in support of SIDS, and to mainstreaming the SAMOA Pathway and issues related to SIDS into the work of the United Nations system.
- (v) We recognize that gender equality remains a key challenge for SIDS and commit to stepping up efforts to further promote gender parity and women's economic and political empowerment, as well as to address gender-based violence to enhance the implementation of the SAMOA Samoa-pPathway, and call for the continued support from the United Nations system and other relevant stakeholders.

## **CALLS FOR ACTION**

### **22. We call for:**

- a) the establishment of a global disaster fund for SIDS to rebuild better after natural disasters, and to support development strategies for the financial management of disaster risk in SIDS.
- b) the establishment of initiatives for the development of resilient infrastructure, data collection for development of evidence-based strategies, strengthened disaster risk governance mechanisms, innovative ex-ante risk-informed financing instruments, including financing approaches which incentivize disaster risk reduction, and integration of disaster risk reduction and climate action into policies, programmes and budgets across all sectors.

- c) the urgent establishment and introduction by international financial institutions (IFIs), Regional Development Banks and development partners of eligibility categories based on vulnerability measures which would reflect the principle of gradual transition in access to development financial assistance and the abandonment of per capita national income as the primary eligibility criterion for access to concessional and non-concessional development finance assistance. The development needs, the need for tailor made solutions, including post disaster debt relief, should be given greater weight in determining access to international development finance, in light of the special circumstances and vulnerabilities of SIDS.
- d) IFIs, and development partners to prioritize access and increase their funding to SIDS, including providing timely, predictable and sustained financial resources and technical support at the national, regional, inter-regional and international levels.
- e) Strengthening the protection of our environment and for all to work with the private sector and other stakeholders to implement initiatives to better manage and reduce plastic waste, noting with great concern the increase of plastics in the Ocean and its accumulation in certain areas, in particular those in proximity to SIDS and all countries to integrate into their national development and environmental strategies, approaches to reduce, reuse, recycle, as appropriate, based on the principles of sustainable consumption and production;
- f) support for the efforts of SIDS to foster the creation and expansion of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises while taking into account national development priorities, circumstances and legislation;
- g) deepened international cooperation, exchanges and investments informal and non-formal education and training to enable and support sustainable development; (suggest moving to preamble section)
- h) support for the efforts of SIDS to strengthen their national statistical systems, for effective monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the SAMOA ~~pp~~Pathway and in particular to produce disaggregated data; other relevant information systems as well as analytical capabilities for decision-making, tracking progress and the development of vulnerability indices and resilience country profiles;
- i) continued support for SIDS efforts to further promote gender parity and women's economic and political empowerment, as well as to address gender-based violence nationally or regionally to enhance implementation of the SAMOA Pathway;
- j) enhanced support from the UN system to address transnational and domestic crime and violence, including drug trafficking, illicit trade in small and light weapons, upon request and taking into account the varied national circumstances of SIDS;

- k) the World Health Organization to urgently enhance implementation of adopted resolutions, in line with the implementation of the health objectives set out in the SAMOA Pathway, and call on other relevant specialized agencies to coordinate and advance initiatives to address the persistent and emerging health issues of SIDS
- l) full and effective implementation of the Global Action Programme on Food Security and Nutrition in SIDS and FAO and other relevant UN specialized agencies to provide SIDS with support to enhance institutional and technical capacity to enhance sustainable and resilient domestic food production;
- m) the UN system and international and regional development banks to support the establishment of a dedicated SIDS Water for Sustainable Development Technical Assistance Initiative during the UN International Water Decade, to address the water and sanitation challenges outlined in the SAMOA Pathway;
- n) development of a mechanism for SIDS, similar to the recently established Technology Bank for Least Developed Countries, in order to assist them to improve the utilization of scientific and technological solutions for the development of knowledge-based economies;
- o) development of an integrated trade related mechanism or framework for technical assistance for SIDS under the WTO, based on the Enhanced Integrated Framework for Trade-Related Assistance for the LDCs, aimed at strengthening SIDS capacity to effectively participate in the multilateral trading system, including with respect to explaining trade rules and disciplines, negotiating and implementing trade agreements and formulating and administering coherent trade policies; [based on para 30 of inter-regional]
- p) relevant UN agencies, such as UNCTAD to support SIDS to enhance institutional and technical capacity for trade expansion and competitiveness, while taking into account national development priorities, circumstances and legislation
- q) upon all entities of the UN development system to integrate SIDS-related concerns and issues into their respective strategic and work plans, in order to devise tailor-made solutions and projects that would address the development challenges of SIDS, and to include this in their annual reporting on their work programmes.
- r) UN DESA and OHRLLS, in collaboration with the Statistical Commission, and other relevant coordinating bodies in SIDS, to develop an indicator framework, to be completed no later than mid-2021 for monitoring and evaluating implementation of the SAMOA Pathway, to better identify gaps, challenges and progress, so that support can be targeted to priority areas

lagging behind. The framework should be built on the existing SDG Global Indicator Framework in order to enhance synergies and identify linkages, where appropriate.

- s) the scaling up of North-South and triangular cooperation in support of SIDS, complemented by South-South cooperation, including through enhanced knowledge sharing platforms, leveraging the UN Office for South-South Cooperation, UN DESA, UN OHRLLS and relevant International and regional organizations, for the dissemination of best practices and strengthening peer review and peer-to-peer learning processes;
- t) development partners to implement concrete measures in support of the transition strategy for SIDS that have recently graduated or are about to graduate from least developed country status, so as to ensure the sustainability of the progress made, and call upon the Committee of Development Policy to address the special case, circumstances and vulnerabilities of SIDS, including in determining the criteria and transition period for graduation from LDC status, as part of its ongoing review
- u) continued work on the full and effective implementation of all the recommendations of the Comprehensive Review of UN System Support for SIDS prepared by the Joint Inspection Unit and reporting on the progress made in implementation.
- v) the Secretary-General to mobilize the necessary resources, from all sources, and to continue to address the needs resulting from the expanding mandates given to the SIDS unit of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) and the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (OHRLLS), including *inter alia*, the SIDS Partnership Framework, the SIDS Focal Point Network, and the SIDS Global Business Network.
- w) the UN Sustainable Development Group to fully implement the findings and recommendations of the Multi-Country Office Review and the Regional-level Approaches, in order to strengthen and increase the presence of the reinvigorated UN Development System in SIDS.

**COMMENTS – received during & after (written) the 2<sup>nd</sup> informal inter-governmental consultation on the  
ZERO DRAFT - Mid-Term Review of the SAMOA Pathway High Level Political Declaration held on Wednesday 15 May 2019  
(Prepared by the Co-Chairs)**

#	Comments/Amendments/Proposals
PREAMBLE	
Par. 1	<p><b>G77</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose to add at the end of par.1 – <i>"in line with their needs and priorities"</i>.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>General Comments</b></p>
	<p><b>EU</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Group's overall intention is to bring the text of the Declaration closer to the SAMOA Pathway;</li> <li>Will look closely into and seek inspiration from the content of the SG's Report; and</li> <li>Will seek to ensure coherence in discussion in the High-Level Review (MTR) and those taking place for the other Events in September to avoid a silo approach.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Russia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engaging to ensure a concise, SIDS focussed and consensus basis Declaration.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Australia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guided by the UNGA Resolution, a concise, action-oriented declaration</li> <li>Ensure a faithful review of the SAMOA Pathway</li> <li>Work towards a streamlined text</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Japan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When we discuss specific mandates in the zero draft, we need to be fully analytical of the subject, background information and resources in order to make them achievable, and thus contribute to the effective implementation of SAMOA Pathway. In order to promote sustainable development under limited resources, we have to analyze ongoing efforts and focus our resources on entities or forums where comparative advantages exist in such a way that advances implementation in the field.</li> <li>In this regard, we see instances of specific language in the text which intend to establish new entities or frameworks or create new work, and therefore might incur additional budgetary implications. We seek clarification on the source, rationale, background information and how the requisite resources are to be secured in each instance. These instances include but are not limited to subparagraphs 22 (a), (b), (m), (n), (q), (r) and (v). In particular, we request information on PBIs with regard to resource requirements at the earliest possible timing.</li> <li>In addition, we see instances of specific requests which refer to or might affect ongoing discussions at other existing entities or forums. In this regard, we likewise seek clarification on the source, rationale, background information and how the resources are to be secured in each instance. These instances include but are not limited to subparagraphs 21 (a) and (b) and subparagraphs 22 (d), (e), (o) and (t). In particular, we propose to delete the last part of subparagraph 21</li> </ul>

(b) — which reads, quote: "as well as support to enable SIDS to submit proposals to address loss and damage to the Green Climate Fund (GCF)", end quote — as we understand the discussions on the GCF have not yet been completed.	
Par. 2	<div>G77</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Proposed amendment: "<del>The international community</del> <b>We reaffirm</b> <del>its</del> <b>our</b> solidarity with SIDS as they face the combined challenges arising in particular from their geographical remoteness of their islands, the small scale of their economies and the ongoing adverse effects caused by of climate change;"</li></ul>
Par. 3	<div>Israel USA G77</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Propose to delete "Small Island Developing States substitute with and substitute it with SIDS" - for consistency</li><li>Propose to add footnote to Paris Agreement, "<b>Adopted under the UNFCCC in FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1, decision 1/CP.21.</b>"</li><li>Sort clarification on the connection between the SAMOA Pathway &amp; the New Urban Agenda</li><li>USA Propose this amendment: "<del>.....and is line with recalls the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the New Urban Agenda and the Paris Agreement.</del></li></ul>
Par. 4	<div>G77 EU</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Propose to move this paragraph down</li><li>As 9bis</li><li>Propose to amend: "<b>We therefore recognize the need to enhance existing and to identify new and concrete measures, initiatives and partnerships....</b>"</li></ul>
Par. 5	<div>EU G77 USA Russia</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Propose to amend: "<b>We remain especially concerned about the continued devastation inflicted on SIDS by due to the adverse impacts of climate change, including slow onset events.....</b>"</li><li><b>Reserve</b> on this paragraph</li><li>USA Propose these amendments: "<b>We remain especially concerned about the continued devastation inflicted on SIDS by the adverse impacts of extreme weather events, which may be exacerbated by climate change on SIDS, including slow onset events.....</b>"</li><li>Russia Propose the following amendments: "<b>.....infrastructure, displacements contributing to human mobility and other severe negative economic, social and environmental consequences, such as <del>threats</del> challenges to food security.....</b>"</li></ul>
Par. 6	<div>G77</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Propose to amend as follows: "<b>We are concerned also that despite progress made by many SIDS in advancing social inclusion through national and regional efforts, poverty, unemployment, inequality and exclusion continue to disproportionately affect many people, and, in particular, women and girls, persons with disabilities, children, <del>and</del> youth and the elderly</b>";</li></ul>

	<p>USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose a 6bis: <i>"We recall the Addis Ababa Action Agenda's reaffirmation of countries responsibility for their own development. We note in particular that for all countries, public policies and the mobilization and effective use of domestic resources, underscored by the principle of national ownership, are central to our common pursuit of sustainable development. Sound social, environmental and economic policies, including countercyclical fiscal policies, adequate fiscal space, good governance at all levels, and democratic and transparent institutions responsive to the needs of the people are necessary to achieve our goals."</i></li> </ul>
Par. 7	<p>G77</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose to <u>delete</u> the last sentence starting at: ".....We remain concerned..." and move it down to paragraph 13</li> </ul> <p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose to <u>delete</u> the last sentence and replace by language from SG's report, par. 11: <i>We recognize that SIDS' access to concessional resources from the international community remains a challenge, and that, going forward, development partners can play a better role by supporting approaches to help SIDS secure, channel and invest resources where it is most needed.</i></li> <li><u>Reservation</u> overall on statements included in this paragraph.</li> </ul> <p>USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose the following amendments: <i>"We recognize that SIDS, <del>some many of whom</del> are middle-income countries, still face significant challenges in accessing <del>concessional</del> financing for the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway, but acknowledge the World Bank's small island State exception as a noteworthy response to the financing challenges of SIDS including inherent challenges in accessing financing for development as outlined as stated in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. Building resilience to external economic shocks, natural disasters and climate change depends on success in effecting the necessary investments, which would reduce vulnerability. We remain concerned about the exclusion of many SIDS from concessional financial resources based on their status as middle countries and the persistent use of per capita GNI as a criterion for determining eligibility for access. In this regard, we also underscore the importance of risk mitigation mechanisms, including through the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency."</i></li> </ul>
Par. 8	<p>G77</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose amendments to the end of the paragraph as follows: <i>"Additional resources need to be mobilized at all <del>multilateral</del> including at the multilateral and bilateral levels to support SIDS efforts";</i></li> </ul> <p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Reservation</u> on the statement on "downward trajectory of contributions to SIDS" – data needed.</li> <li>Propose to amend the last sentence: <i>"Additional resources from all sources need to be mobilized at national, regional and global <del>multilateral</del> levels to support SIDS efforts.</i></li> </ul> <p>USA</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose the following amendments: <i>"We reaffirm that international cooperation and support plays a critical role in supporting SIDS to address their vulnerabilities and sustainable development goals. <del>We are concerned about the recent downward trajectory of this contribution and call on the international community to reverse this trend. Additional resources need to be mobilized at all multilateral levels to support SIDS efforts.</del>"</i></li> </ul>
Par. 9	<p>G77</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose to insert a new 9bis- move from para 4 above, as follows: <i>"9bis. We therefore recognize the need to identify new and concrete measures, initiatives and partnerships at the local, national, regional and global levels that have the potential to further progress SIDS implementation of their sustainable development agendas; (Original para 4)"</i></li> </ul>
	<p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This section misses a separate strong gender-related paragraph: good language in the Apia outcome and the Samoa Pathway itself.</li> </ul>
Par. 10	No comments
Par. 11	<p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request information on the "source" of this paragraph?</li> </ul> <p>Russia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose amendments as follows: <i>"We note the progress made by SIDS in the areas inter alia of gender equality, health, education and the environment, but are concerned that based on analyses of the implementation of the priority areas of the SAMOA Pathway...."</i></li> </ul> <p>Holy See</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose the inclusion of the phrase "and empowerment of women" as follows: <i>"We note the progress made by SIDS in the areas inter alia of gender, <b>empowerment of women</b>, health, education and the environment, but are concerned that based on analyses of the implementation of the priority areas of the SAMOA Pathway."</i></li> </ul>
Par. 12	<p>G77</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose the following amendments: <i>"We reiterate that improved data collection and statistical analysis <del>are required to enable Small Island Developing States</del> SIDS to effectively <b>better</b> plan, follow up on, evaluate the implementation of and track successes <b>progress</b> in the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and the Sustainable Development goals;</i></li> </ul>
Par. 13	<p>G77</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose the following amendments: <i>"We recognize that SIDS have not achieved sustained high levels of economic growth owing in part to the ongoing negative impacts of external financial, economic and environmental shocks. <b>Building resilience to external economic shocks, natural disasters and climate change depends on success in effecting the necessary investments which would reduce vulnerability. We remain concerned about the exclusion of many SIDS from concessionary financial resources on the basis of their status as middle- and high-income countries and the persistent use of per capita national income as a criterion for determine eligibility for access;</b></i></li> <li>Moved from preamble paragraph 7, above</li> </ul> <p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Envisage a <b>para 13 bis</b> on the need for transformational change as described in IPCC 1.5 and IPBES Global Assessment on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (no specific language proposal).</li> </ul> <p>Russia</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose to replace the word "shock" in the first sentence with "challenges" to read: ".....<i>economic and environmental challenges</i>"</li> </ul>
Par. 14	<p>G77</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Reserve</u> on this paragraph</li> </ul>
Par. 15	<p>G77</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose to amend the beginning of this paragraph as follows: "<i>We note the progress made by.....</i>"</li> </ul> <p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose to amend the opening of the para: "<i>While noting the progress made by SIDS in the environmental dimension of sustainable development, we remain especially concerned about the (...);</i>"</li> </ul> <p>CANZ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose to insert the word "<b>potential</b>" before "<i>adverse impact of climate change</i>"</li> </ul> <p>Norway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose <b>not to include</b> the word "potential" as proposed by CANZ &amp; the USA</li> </ul> <p>USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose the following amendments: "<i>While noting the progress made by SIDS in the environmental dimension, we remain especially concerned about the <b>potential</b> adverse impacts of climate change on SIDS, which have and will continue to undermine and the risks they pose for sustainable development in SIDS, as projected in the Special Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change on Global Warming of 1.5.</i>"</li> </ul> <p>Russia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose the <b>deletion</b> of the reference in the end of the paragraph to the IPCC report</li> </ul>
Par. 16	<p>G77</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose to merge paragraphs 16 and 17;</li> <li>Combine the text as paragraph 16(alt) as follows:</li> <li><b>"16-alt.</b> <i>We recognize that disaster risk reduction is key to advancing sustainable development and resilient societies. While SIDS have made progress in collecting disaster-related data and promoting synergies between national climate change adaptation strategies and national disaster risk reduction strategies, SIDS still experience some of the most severe consequences of escalating environmental risks, thus SIDS must be prioritized and supported by the international community to strengthen their disaster risk reduction capabilities and disaster resilience;</i>"</li> </ul> <p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose to add at the end of the paragraph the following: "<i>(...) is key to advancing sustainable and resilient development in SIDS</i>".</li> <li>Also propose to add at the end: "<i>We also recognize the contribution of ecosystem-related approaches as part of an overall adaptation and disaster reduction strategy for maintaining and increasing the resilience and reducing the vulnerability of ecosystems and people in the face of the adverse effects of climate change.</i>"</li> </ul> <p>USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose the following amendments: "<i>We recognize that addressing disaster risk reduction is key to advancing sustainable and resilient development, as SIDS experience some of the most severe consequences of escalating environmental risks, thus SIDS must be prioritized and supported by the international community to build their</i>"</li> </ul>

	<i>disaster risk reduction capabilities and disaster resilience should consider a variety of disaster risk reduction tools. Donors are already supporting SIDS and disaster risk through the Caribbean Risk Insurance Facility and the Pacific Catastrophe Risk Assessment and Financing Initiative, among other instruments.</i>
Par. 17	G77 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose to merge para 17 with 16 as 16alt – see proposed 16 alt text above</li> </ul>
Par. 18	G77 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose the following amendments: <i>"We reaffirm that successful engagement in international trade is a key driver for economic growth and sustainable development. We are concerned that SIDS continue to face challenges in engaging in the multilateral trading system <del>heighted by high import dependence, limited resource bases and dependence on a limited number of goods and services for export, small internal markets, limited regional and global connectivity, and lack of economies of scale.</del>"</i></li> </ul>
Par. 19	G77 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose these amendments: <i>"We are also encouraged by initiatives such as <b>the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)</b>'s Debt for Climate Adaptation Swaps to assist SIDS mitigate and adapt....."</i></li> </ul> USA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose the following: <i>"We remain committed to exploring innovative financing mechanisms and products, such as blue or green bonds, with a view to improving SIDS access to finance, <del>without conferring additional burdens on their economies while balancing debt sustainability.</del> We are also encouraged by initiatives such as Debt for Climate adaptation Swaps to assist SIDS mitigate and adapt to the consequences of climate change <b>achieve environmental goals</b> while trying to reduce their debt burdens. <del>and encouraging consideration of further debt relief steps, where appropriate.</del>"</i></li> </ul> Russia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seek clarification on "Blue &amp; Green Bonds"</li> </ul>
Par. 20	G77 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose the insertion of the following: <i>"We note that SIDS continue to lack the capacity to fully exploit their renewable energy potential, and as such, remain highly dependent on fossil fuel imports, <b>and therefore are vulnerable to the volatility of fossil fuels prices,</b> placing a significant strain on their economies. In this regard, we welcome all initiatives and the strong momentum made towards the promotion of renewable and sustainable energy in SIDS and call for further work and enhanced support."</i></li> </ul> USA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose to <u>delete</u> paragraph 20</li> </ul>
<b>PRIORITY AREAS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS</b>	
Par. 21	USA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose these amendments: <i><del>"Over the next five years we are determined to:</del> <b>Taking into full account their national development priorities and individual country circumstances and legislation, we call for support for small island developing States to take the following actions:"</b></i></li> </ul>
(a)	EU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose to rephrase the paragraph to bring it closer to the Paris Agreement: <i><b>"Take urgent action to address the threat of climate change by taking ambitious action to meet the overall goal of holding the increase in global average temperature to well</b></i></li> </ul>

	<p><i>below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius, enhancing the ability to adapt, reducing vulnerabilities and strengthening resilience;"</i></p> <p>USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose the following: <del>"take urgent global action to address human induced climate change by taking ambitious action needed to halve the amount of global CO2 emissions from 2010 levels by 2030, recognizing the responsibility of developed countries to take the lead in climate action; mitigation and adaptation;</del></li> </ul> <p>Russia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose this language: "take urgent global action to address <del>human induced</del> <b>the threat of</b> climate change by taking ambitious action <del>needed to halve the amount of global CO2 emissions from 2010 levels by 2030, recognizing the responsibility of developed countries to take the lead in climate action in line with the Paris Agreement;"</del></li> </ul>
(b)	<p>G77</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose the following amendments" <i>"act with utmost urgency to rapidly shift financial flows towards pathways consistent with limiting warming below 1.5°C, and to participate actively and meaningfully to address loss and damage, including through the provision of adequate support to initiatives under the Warsaw International Mechanism (WIM) for Loss and Damage, as well as support to enable SIDS to submit proposals to address loss and damage to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and encourage the Green Climate Fund (GCF) to discuss ways to enable SIDS to submit proposals to address loss and damage;"</i></li> </ul> <p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose the following amendments: <i>"act with utmost urgency to rapidly shift financial flows towards pathways consistent with <del>limiting warming below 1.5°C</del>, the Paris Agreement's goal of holding the increase in global average temperature to well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius, and to participate actively and meaningfully to <del>address</del> enhance understanding, action and support with respect to avert, minimize and address loss and damage, including through <del>the provision of adequate support to initiatives under the Warsaw International Mechanism (WIM) for Loss and Damage, as well as support to enable SIDS to submit proposals to address</del> reduce the risk of loss and damage to the Green Climate Fund (GCF). International climate funds.</i></li> <li>Suggested the possibility to streamline both paras (21a&amp;b) – by inserting quotes from the PA, the two paras become rather repetitive.</li> </ul> <p>Russia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose to delete the following phrase: <del>-act with utmost urgency to rapidly shift financial flows towards pathways consistent with limiting warming below 1.5°C</del></li> </ul> <p>Japan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>supported the intervention made by the EU</li> </ul> <p>USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose to delete this paragraph. <i>(b)act with utmost urgency to support country development strategies and assist SIDS' attempts to access finance.</i></li> </ul>
(c)	No comments
(d)	G77

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reserve on this paragraph and proposed a d)Bis: "Advance negotiations for a new Implementing Agreement on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction with the ambition to conclude by 2020"</li> </ul> <p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Propose the following amendment: "consider and address the security implications of climate change <b>impacts</b> in SIDS, including (...)</i></li> </ul> <p>Russia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stated that this paragraph is taken from non-UN document, and using concepts that are not universally used, thus call for <b>deletion</b> of this paragraph;</li> </ul> <p>USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Propose the following amendments "Consider <del>and address the security implications of the climate change in SIDS, including violation of territorial integrity,</del> more frequent and severe <b>climate-related natural</b> disasters, threats to water and food security, increased natural resources scarcity, and forced displacement <del>and the human dimensions of climate change,</del> including where necessary, initiatives for preparing communities for relocation.</li> <li>• CANZ- ask for the sources of this paragraph (apia outcome document)-not sure if this applies to (e)</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
(e)	<p>G77</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>urgently undertake inter alia,</del> <b>Reiterates</b> the actions highlighted in the "Our Ocean, Our Future: Call for Action" <b>and call for the implementation of</b></li> </ul> <p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggest the following amendments/edits: "<b>urgently undertake actions to implement Sustainable Development Goal 14, inter alia, the actions highlighted in the "Our Ocean, Our Future: Call for Action" and implement the respective voluntary commitments pledged during the 2017 Conference, while and welcoming the 2020 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of SDG 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development</b></li> </ul> <p>USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>urgently undertake inter alia, the actions highlighted</del> <b>Noting the declaration "Our Ocean, Our Future: Call for Action" and the importance of implementing the respective voluntary commitments pledged during the 2017 Conference and welcome note the 2020 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.</b></li> </ul>
(f)	<p>G77</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interchange positions of (f) and (g) and make few changes as below</li> <li>• <b>NEW (f).</b> continue efforts to address and manage, through innovative approaches, the different types of waste, including marine litter, <b>microplastics</b> and chemical waste, noting with concern the <del>linkages between the</del> implications of chemical waste management <del>regime</del>, and its implications for human health and social well-being, and recognizing that waste management is a serious challenge for SIDS; [Original para (g)]</li> <li>• <b>Holy See-</b> question about rationale on the list</li> <li>• <b>US-</b> grammatical changes</li> <li>• <b>CANZ-</b> question on causality between health system and NCDs, and re vector borne disease should be included</li> </ul>

	<p>USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>support the strengthening of the public health systems in SIDS, to reduce the risk factors for NCDs, in particular the rising incidence of obesity, cancers and cardiovascular diseases, adolescent pregnancy, maternal, new born and child health, and to <b>address</b> other emerging issues related to the spread of vector borne diseases such as Chikungunya Virus, Zika Virus, malaria and dengue, noting that these health issues also have grave financial implications, as well as negative impact on economic productivity; as well as support the enhancement of the resilience of national health systems including by integrating disaster risk management into primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare.</li> </ul>
(g)	<p>G77</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>New (g)</b> support the strengthening of the public health systems in SIDS, to reduce the risk factors for NCDs, in particular the rising incidence of obesity, cancers and cardiovascular diseases, adolescent pregnancy, maternal, new born and child health, and other emerging issues related to the spread of vector borne diseases such as Chikungunya Virus, Zika Virus, malaria and dengue, noting that these health issues also have grave financial implications, as well as negative impact on economic productivity, as well as support the enhancement of the resilience of national health systems including by integrating disaster risk management into primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare; [Original para (f)]</li> </ul> <p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose these edits: <i>"continue efforts to <del>reduce</del> address and manage, through innovative approaches, the different types of waste, including <b>chemical waste, and</b> marine litter <del>and chemical waste</del>, including microplastics, noting with concern the linkages between the chemical waste management regime, and its implications for human health and social well-being, and recognizing that waste management is a serious challenge for SIDS.</i></li> </ul>
(h)	<p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose to add at the end <i>"...on voluntary basis and at mutually agreed terms"</i></li> </ul> <p>USA</p> <p>Invest in developing, adapting and scaling up the application of technologies, policies, methods and tools to <del>prevent</del> combat desertification, land degradation and drought in different regions, and to boost knowledge exchange, including of traditional knowledge with the consent of the knowledge holders, capacity building and sharing of technologies <b>on voluntary and mutually agreed terms</b></p>
(i)	<p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose amending the beginning of the paragraph: <i>"<del>enhance support to SIDS by creating</del> creation of the enabling environment to scale up new opportunities....."</i></li> <li>Sort further clarification of the thrust of the para (i.e. on reference to the marine sector).</li> </ul>
(j)	No comments
(k)	<p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Reservation</b> on the whole para;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose deletion of the phrase: <b><i>"with prioritized and simplified access in particular for public sources of grant based and highly concessionary finance"</i></b></li> </ul> <p>USA</p> <p>provide timely, predictable and sustained financial resources to SIDS with prioritized and simplified access in particular for public sources, <del>of grant based and highly concessionary finance</del> together with technical support at the national, regional, inter-regional and international levels to ensure the successful implementation, monitoring, follow-up and review of the outcome documents and decisions of all United Nations conferences and processes related to the sustainable development priorities of SIDS.</p>
(l)	<p>USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Address the resource needs for national institutional strengthening and capacity building within and across SIDS, including support to build SIDS capacity to access available funding and financing, especially <del>grant and concessional financing</del> non-concessional and private sector financing. Therefore, We remain committed to exploring innovative sources of financing, such as blue or green bonds, as well as diaspora bonds, with a view to improving SIDS access to finance.</li> </ul>
(m)	<p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose to add after the word "climate change:" the following: <b><i>"... including ecosystem-based approaches and nature-based solutions to climate change providing multiple benefits and at the same time..."</i></b></li> </ul>
(n)	<p>G77</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add at the end of para, "which are similar to the establishment of ECLAC's Debt for Climate Adaptation Swaps;"</li> </ul> <p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Reserve</u> on the G77 propose new language</li> </ul>
(o)	<p>G77</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>(o)alt.</b> support and assist SIDS in order to address economic vulnerabilities and disadvantages including, high import dependence, limited resource base and dependence on a limited number of goods and services for exports, small domestic markets, limited regional and global connectivity, and lack of economies of scale;</li> </ul> <p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose to delete this paragraph and replace it with: <b><i>"support strengthening SIDS' capacity to effectively participate in the multilateral trading system"</i></b>;</li> <li>Expressed openness to incorporate possible additional elements from par. 107 a and b of the Samoa Pathway (similar ideas in par. 82 and 87 of the AAAA, par .68 of the 2030 Agenda)</li> </ul>
(p)	<p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose to delete this paragraph, as it is a repetition of (o) above.</li> </ul>
(q)	No comments
(r)	<p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose to amend the second sentence to read: <b><i>"We will support SIDS' efforts to increase coordination among...."</i></b></li> </ul>
(s)	No comments

(c)	<p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This issue is not part of the Samoa Pathway nor the SG's report and is discussed in detail in an independent body that is the CDP (which does give consideration to particular vulnerabilities of SIDS).</li> <li>Not acceptable in this form, however, the EU is open to work out a language based on the one provided by co-facilitators but with a more neutral formulation that does not influence discussions held elsewhere:</li> <li>Propose amendments as follows: "implement concrete measures in support of assist in the transition process strategy for of SIDS that have recently graduated or are about to graduate from least developed country status, so as to ensure the sustainability of the progress made, and call upon the Committee of Development Policy to address the special case, circumstances and vulnerabilities of SIDS, including in determining the criteria and transition period for graduation from LDC status, as part of its ongoing review</li> </ul> <p>Norway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support EU's proposal</li> </ul>	(u)	No comments	<p>G77</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>Propose the following: "We recognize that gender equality remains a key challenge for SIDS and commit to stepping up efforts to further promote gender parity equality and women's economic and political the empowerment of women, as well as to addressing gender-based violence in SIDS to enhance the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway, and call for the continued support from the United Nations system and other relevant stakeholders.</del></li> <li>Propose that this sub-paragraph be placed higher in the text, before the paragraph on youth; language on the whole variety of issues included in the Samoa Pathway, par. 76 and 7, should be reflected</li> </ul>	<p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Convey that there are no clear references to concrete actions in this section in the field of renewable and sustainable energy – missing element (compared with the preceding section)</li> </ul>	CALLS FOR ACTION		Par. 22	No comments	<p>a)</p> <p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarification needed – what this initiative wants to achieve? How will it be established? What will the fund be replenished? There are a number of similar instruments in existence, there are consistent financial flows going into disaster RR in SIDS, the issue is somehow link to discussions under UNFCCC on loss and damage. The ask does not seem justified. At this stage preference not to include (delete).</li> <li>State that this paragraph creates a new mandate;</li> <li>and inquire about who is going to operate this fund, who is to fund, and why set up when we have several funds already exists</li> <li>USA</li> <li>Propose these amendments: <del>"the establishment of a global disaster fund for SIDS to rebuild better after natural disasters, and to support development strategies for the financial management of disaster risk in SIDS."</del></li> </ul>
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	<p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose to add (b) bis: <i>"A deepened consideration and focus on SIDS in a post-2020 global biodiversity framework."</i></li> </ul>
b)	<p>G77</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add at the end of the para, <i>", taking into account the specific needs of SIDS;"</i></li> </ul> <p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Include after the last reference to risk reduction at the end of the para: <i>'including ecosystem-based disaster risk reduction'</i></li> </ul>
c)	<p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sort clarification on the source of the language in this paragraph</li> <li>State that they checked the SG report and there is no recommendation on this issue.</li> <li>In this current form the paragraph is difficult for EU to accept and suggested that it be replaced by: <i>"consideration of broader use of criteria other than GDP/capita as regards access to development finance."</i></li> <li>Possibly ok and amenable to include the last sentence from the present draft.</li> </ul> <p>USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>The urgent establishment and introduction by international financial institutions (IFIs), Regional Development Banks and development partners of eligibility categories based on vulnerability measures which would reflect the principle of gradual transition in access to development financial assistance and the abandonment of per capita income as the primary eligibility criterion for access to concessional and non-concessional development financial assistance. The development needs, the need for tailor made solutions, including post disaster debt relief assessment, should be given greater weight in determining access to international development finance, in light of the special circumstances and vulnerabilities of SIDS.</del></li> </ul>
d)	<p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Express <b>Reservation</b> on this paragraph;</li> <li>Sort clarification on the source of language;</li> <li>Observe that this paragraph mixes a number of ideas that do not necessarily fit together;</li> <li>Propose to amend this paragraph as follows: <i>"IFIs, and development partners to prioritize access and increase their funding to SIDS, including providing provide timely, predictable and sustained financial resources and technical support at the national, regional, inter-regional and international levels."</i></li> </ul> <p>USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>"IFIs, and development partners to prioritize access and increase of funding to SIDS, including providing timely, predictable and sustained financial resources and technical support at the national, regional, inter-regional and international levels."</i></li> </ul>
e)	<p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggest the following edits: <i>"Strengthening the protection of our environment, including the conservation of biodiversity and restoration of ecosystems, and for all to work with the private sector and other stakeholders towards an ambitious post 2020 biodiversity framework and to implement initiatives to maintain and restore biodiversity and ecosystem services and to better</i></li> </ul>

	<p><i>manage and reduce plastic waste, noting with great concern the increase of plastics, including microplastics, in the Ocean and its accumulation in certain areas, in particular those in proximity to SIDS and all countries to integrate into their national development and environmental strategies, sustainable waste management approaches in order to reduce, reuse, recycle, as appropriate, aiming at the life cycle approach and based on the principles of sustainable consumption and production</i></p> <p>USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening the protection of our environment and for all to work with the private sector and other stakeholders to implement initiatives to better manage and reduce plastic waste, noting with great concern the increase of plastics in the Ocean and its accumulation in certain areas, in particular those in proximity to SIDS and all countries to support environmentally sound waste management <del>integrate into their national development and environmental strategies, approaches, resource efficiency and to</del> reduce, reuse, recycle, as appropriate, based on the principles of sustainable consumption and production;</li> </ul>
f)	No comments
g)	No comments
h)	No comments
i)	<p>G77</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose the following: <i>"continued support for SIDS efforts to further promote gender <del>parity</del> equality and <del>women's economic and political</del> the empowerment of women, as well as to address gender-based violence in SIDS nationally or regionally to enhance implementation of the SAMOA Pathway"</i>;</li> </ul> <p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Convey that this language is not strong enough, the Apia document contains a much better formulation which should be used.</li> </ul> <p>Russia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>gender-based violence against women)</li> </ul> <p>Holy See</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>gender equality and women empowerment, also mentioned might have mentioned to reserve to this para</li> </ul> <p>Norway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>women's participation in all aspect of society (support as it is)</li> </ul>
j)	<p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose the following amendments: <i>".....in small and light weapons, and illegal, unregulated and unreported (IUU) fishing, upon request...."</i></li> </ul>
k)	<p>USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the World Health Organization to urgently enhance implementation of <del>adopted</del> relevant resolutions, <del>in line with that would advance the implementation of</del> the health objectives set out in the SAMOA Pathway, and call on other relevant specialized agencies to coordinate and advance initiatives to address the persistent and emerging health issues of SIDS</li> </ul>
l)	<p>Japan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seek further clarification on this paragraph</li> </ul>
m)	EU

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SG's does not contain any proposal/recommendation towards the establishment of such a mechanism;</li> <li>• clarification/elaboration needed as regards establishment and objectives;</li> <li>• Propose to replace the paragraph with the following: "<b>strengthen cooperation with SIDS and support their efforts in the field of water and sanitation</b>";</li> </ul> <p>USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the UN system and international and regional development banks to support the establishment of a dedicated SIDS Water for Sustainable Development Technical Assistance Initiative during the UN International Water Decade, to address the water and sanitation challenges outlined in the SAMOA Pathway;</li> </ul>
n)	<p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sort clarification on the origin of this proposal?</li> <li>• Questioned why the establishment of a bank is important?</li> <li>• The Bank for LDCs not a good example, on the contrary – there a number of other more efficient mechanisms.</li> <li>• Elaboration needed.</li> <li>• Preference not to include - Delete.</li> </ul>
o)	<p>G77</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add in the beginning of para, "<b>We call the WTO to consider</b>"</li> </ul> <p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not acceptable in this form; replace by: "<del>development of measures related mechanism or framework for technical assistance for SIDS under the WTO, based on the Enhanced Integrated Framework for Trade-Related Assistance for the LDCs, aimed at strengthening SIDS capacity to effectively participate in the multilateral trading system, including with respect to explaining trade rules and disciplines, negotiating and implementing trade agreements and formulating and administering coherent trade policies;</del></li> </ul> <p>USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (o) <b>**US delegation proposes deletion of this sub para**</b> <del>development of an integrated trade related mechanism or framework for technical assistance for SIDS under the WTO, based on the Enhanced Integrated Framework for Trade-Related Assistance for the LDCs, aimed at strengthening SIDS capacity to effectively participate in the multilateral trading system, including with respect to explaining trade rules and disciplines, negotiating and implementing trade agreements and formulating and administering coherent trade policies; [based on para 30 of inter-regional]</del></li> </ul>
p)	<p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amend the opening line to read: "<b>continue to support relevant UN agencies.....</b>"</li> </ul>
q)	<p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Propose amendments as follows: "<del>upon all entities of the UN development system to integrate-consider SIDS-related concerns and issues in their respective strategic and work plans ;in order to devise tailor-made solutions and projects that would address the development challenges of SIDS, and to include this in their annual reporting on their work programmes</del></li> <li>• Strategic plans should focus on implementation of the SDGs, not on specific country groups.</li> </ul> <p>Japan</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Reserve</u> on this paragraph</li> </ul>
r)	<p>G77</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UN DESA and OHRLLS, in collaboration with the Statistical Commission, and other relevant coordinating bodies in SIDS, to develop an indicator framework <b>in consultation with Member States</b>, to be completed no later than mid-2021 for monitoring and evaluating implementation of the SAMOA Pathway, to better identify gaps, challenges and progress, so that support can be targeted to priority areas lagging behind. The framework should be built on <b>the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the existing</b> SDG Global Indicator Framework in order to enhance synergies and identify linkages, where appropriate;</li> </ul> <p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Propose to replace this paragraph as follows: <i>"strengthening of monitoring of progress in implementation of SDGs in SIDS and, where areas of the Samoa Pathway not covered by the 2030 Agenda, develop indicators and effective monitoring tools, while avoiding duplication and overlaps and ensuring coordination and coherence with existing monitoring frameworks"</i></li> </ul> <p>Japan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Reserve</u> on this paragraph</li> </ul>
s)	<p>G77</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the scaling up of North-South and triangular cooperation in support of SIDS, complemented <b>but not substituted</b> by South-South cooperation, including through enhanced knowledge sharing platforms, leveraging <b>UN DESA, UN OHRLLS, the</b> UN Office for South-South Cooperation, <del>UN DESA, UN OHRLLS</del> and relevant International and regional organizations, for the dissemination of best practices and strengthening peer review and peer-to-peer learning processes;</li> </ul> <p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Propose to amend this paragraph as follows: <i>"the scaling up of North-South, <b>South-South</b> and triangular cooperation in support of SIDS, <del>complemented by South-South cooperation</del>, including through enhanced knowledge sharing platforms, leveraging the UN Office for South-South Cooperation, UN DESA, UN OHRLLS and relevant International and regional organizations, for the dissemination of best practices and strengthening peer review and peer-to-peer learning processes"</i></li> </ul> <p>USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>the scaling up of <del>North-South</del> <b>South-South</b> and triangular cooperation in support of SIDS, <del>complemented by</del> as a complement to <b>North-South cooperation</b> <del>South-South</del>, including through enhanced knowledge sharing platforms, leveraging the UN Office for South-South Cooperation, UN DESA, UN OHRLLS and relevant International and regional organizations, for the dissemination of best practices and strengthening peer review and peer-to-peer learning processes;</i></li> </ul>
t)	<p>EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Propose to <b>Delete</b> this paragraph;</li> <li>• this issue is not part of the Samoa Pathway nor the SG's report and is discussed in detail in an independent body that is the CDP (which does give consideration to particular vulnerabilities of SIDS).</li> <li>• We should focus in the document on the Samoa Pathway implementation.</li> <li>• If necessary, we can mimic the compromise we propose for par. 21 (t) – but this would be repetitive, no need.</li> </ul> <p>USA</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “development partners to implement concrete measures in support of the transition strategy for SIDS that have recently graduated or are about to graduate from least developed country status, so as to ensure the sustainability of the progress made, <del>and call upon the Committee of Development Policy to address the special case, circumstances and vulnerabilities of SIDS including in determining the criteria and transition period for graduation from LDC status, as part of its ongoing review</del>”</li> </ul>
u)	No comments
v)	No comments
w)	<p><b>G77</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reserve</li> </ul> <p><b>EU</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Propose to <u>Bracket this paragraph</u></li> <li>• Not a discussion for this process,</li> <li>• Can insert an outcome of the OAS considerations at a later stage</li> </ul> <p><b>Japan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reserve</li> </ul>