



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

5 July 2019

Excellency,

On 27 September 2019, the General Assembly will hold a one-day high level review of the progress made in addressing the priorities of small island developing States (SIDS) through the implementation of the Small Island Developing States Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway. In its resolution 72/307 on the modalities for the high-level review of the SAMOA Pathway, the General Assembly encouraged relevant major groups organizations that are not currently accredited by the Economic and Social Council to submit applications to participate as observers in the high-level review, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, following accreditation procedures established during the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States.

In this connection, I have the honor to refer to a note by the Secretary-General concerning the accreditation of relevant major groups organizations in the high-level review of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway (A/73/919), by which two organizations have been recommended for accreditation, namely, Medical IMPACT (Mexico) and GAVI The Vaccine Alliance (Switzerland). In accordance with the procedures established during the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, I intend to submit the attached draft decision to the General Assembly for its consideration at the plenary meeting of the Assembly scheduled for 10 July at 10 a.m.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. F. Espinosa Garcés'.

María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés

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Permanent Observers to the United Nations
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**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**

Draft decision submitted by the President of the General Assembly*

**Accreditation of relevant major groups organizations in the high-
level review of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action
(SAMOA) Pathway**

The General Assembly, recalling its resolution 72/307 of 27 July 2018, and taking note of the note by the Secretary-General,[†]

Decides to endorse the recommendations by the Secretariat for the accreditation of major groups organizations not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council but wishing to participate in the high-level review of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway, as contained in annex I of the note by the Secretary-General.

* In order for the General Assembly to take action on the present proposal, it will be necessary to decide to consider sub-item (b) of agenda item 20 directly in plenary meeting.

[†] A/73/919.