



PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

21 January 2022

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to General Assembly resolution 70/202 of 22 December 2015 entitled "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", in which the General Assembly requested the President to appoint two co-chairs to the Steering Committee on Partnerships for Small Island Developing States.

Accordingly, it is my pleasure to appoint H.E. Mr. Fatumanava-o-Upolu III Dr Pa'olelei Luteru, Permanent Representative of the Independent State of Samoa to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr Francisco Duarte Lopes, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations, as co-chairs of the Steering Committee on Partnerships for Small Island Developing States.

I would like to thank Ambassador Luteru and Ambassador Lopes for having accepted this important responsibility. I trust that you will extend to them your full support and cooperation.

I also take this opportunity to thank H.E. Dr. Walton Alfonso Webson, Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations, and H.E. Ms. Vanessa Frazier, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Malta to the United Nations, for leading the Steering Committee on Partnerships for SIDS since 29 January 2020.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Abdulla SHAHID", is written over a horizontal line.

Abdulla SHAHID

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And Permanent Observers to the United Nations
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