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**REPORT OF THE NINTH SESSION OF THE SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING
STATES DOCK [SIDS DOCK] ASSEMBLY**

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Report of the ninth session of the Small Island Developing States Dock (SIDS DOCK) Assembly

1. The convening of the ninth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly was conducted in person at the Permanent Mission of Belize to the United Nations and remotely, by means of conference using Zoom, a web-based hosting service, pursuant to Article VI (1), on 25th September 2025.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the session

2. His Excellency Mr. John Briceño, Prime Minister of Belize and President of the eighth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly, called to order the ninth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly.
3. In his opening remarks, the President said that being present on the occasion of SIDS DOCK's Tenth Anniversary was both a privilege and a moment of shared purpose. He said this milestone holds deep significance for Belize, the proud Host Country of the SIDS DOCK Organization during this historic year. Over the past decade, Member States have confronted multidimensional crises - from the COVID-19 pandemic to intensifying climate and economic shocks, yet, SIDS DOCK has evolved into a dynamic platform for sustainable energy, resilience, and global influence. Guided by the SAMOA Pathway and the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS – the ABAS, strategic partnerships have strengthened our collective capacity, exemplified by the Joint Declaration with UNIDO and Austria supporting energy transition and economic diversification through 2034. Belize has stood firmly with SIDS DOCK, championing initiatives such as the Global Ocean Energy Alliance (GLOEA) and pioneering Waste-to-Energy solutions that transform Sargassum from a growing menace into a resource that supports energy generation and protects agriculture from threats like the Fusarium Fungus.
4. The President noted that none of this progress would be possible without the leadership of women across SIDS, who slightly outnumber men and whose contributions must be reflected in gender-responsive planning. He said the Island Women Open Network (IWON) is central to this transformation, empowering women through training, advocacy, and entrepreneurship in the blue and green economy, including its Signature Project advancing a global botanical and herbal supplier market. Tonga's leadership, alongside steadfast partners such as Rivkin Radler LLP, Ullman, Shapiro and Ullman LLP, GRID-Arendal, PCREEE, UNIDO, and GN-SEC, is paving the way for a first-of-its-kind zero-carbon food and botanical processing facility. As we look ahead, he said SIDS DOCK must remain a catalyst for investment, innovation, and institutional strengthening. On behalf of Belize, he extended heartfelt congratulations to the Organization, its Executive Council, Secretariat, and all Member States whose loyalty and leadership have brought us to this moment. In closing, he said, "Let us rise together, powered by purpose and united by the ocean," and wished the SIDS DOCK Organization a happy Tenth Anniversary.

5. The President introduced the Hon. Cozier Frederick, Minister for Environment, Rural Modernisation, Kalinago Upliftment and Constituency Empowerment of the Commonwealth of Dominica, and invited him to deliver brief opening remarks to the Assembly on behalf of the Hon. Roosevelt Skerrit, Prime Minister of Dominica. The Minister apologized on behalf of Prime Minister Skerrit, who was unfortunately unable to attend this year's Assembly.
6. Through his statement, Prime Minister Skerrit said it was with profound pride that he and all of Dominica celebrate ten years of SIDS DOCK; ten years of resilience, adaptability, and *Island Energy For Island Life*. He said Dominica's path to climate resiliency has been forged through hardship: Tropical Storm Erika in 2015 caused over half a billion dollars in damage, and Hurricane Maria in 2017 destroyed 95% of the housing stock and cost 226% of GDP. Many SIDS have endured similar devastation, yet what remains unforgettable is the solidarity Dominica received. SIDS DOCK stood with Dominica in action, helping us rebuild stronger and shaping our National Resilience Development Strategy 2030. Dominica has proudly served in SIDS DOCK governance since its inception, and today, with 17 ratifications of the Statute, momentum continues. Through powerful partnerships, SIDS DOCK has thrived despite global shocks, enabling Dominica to soon generate geothermal electricity and advancing innovations like the Global Ocean Energy Alliance (GLOEA), Wave Power Parks, and Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC).
7. He said Dominica has also invested in its people. Through the Island Women Open Network (IWON), women are leading in energy, climate, and technology, and Dominica is proud to have helped shape this initiative with Minister Vince Henderson as Patron. He said as we look ahead, we envision a future powered by clean energy, resilient infrastructure, and united purpose. Though SIDS represent less than 1% of the global population, we are rich in youth, innovation, and determination. Let us celebrate this milestone with pride, honor the cooperation that brought us here, and recommit to the journey ahead. He thanked all the partners, and welcomed those joining. He concluded by saying that, "The tide is rising, and together, we will rise with it. Happy 10th Anniversary, SIDS DOCK - Island strong, island proud, island powered.
8. The President expressed gratitude to Minister Frederick, for Dominica's outstanding commitment and leadership within the SIDS DOCK organization, despite facing severe national challenges. Special recognition was given to the Honourable Dr. Vince Henderson, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Business, and Energy, for his role as Chair of the SIDS DOCK Steering Committee from 2012 to 2015. Dr. Henderson attended all 19 Committee Meetings, with the final meeting held on November 22, 2015, in New York. The Committee was instrumental in drafting the Statute Establishing SIDS DOCK as a UN-recognized organization with all the rights and privileges. Dr. Henderson is also a founder and patron of the Island Women Open Network (IWON), championing the causes of Island Women and leading IWON fundraising efforts. The Chair expressed anticipation for Dominica's continued support.
9. The President introduced His Excellency Mr. Peter Launsky, Special Envoy for Global Affairs of the Chancellor of the Republic of Austria, to make some brief remarks.

10. His Excellency Peter Launsky, Special Envoy for Global Affairs of the Chancellor of the Republic of Austria, conveyed warm regards from the Austrian government and gratitude for the invitation to the Assembly. He congratulated SIDS DOCK on its 10th anniversary. He noted that despite being a landlocked country, Austria shares common challenges with SIDS, particularly climate change, which requires global cooperation. Austria hosts several UN organizations, including the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), and the UN Office for Outer Space Affairs, addressing critical global issues.
11. Since 2014, Austria has championed renewable energy and energy efficiency, signing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with UNIDO and SIDS DOCK, contributing \$20 million euros to establish eight operational regional centers for renewable energy and energy efficiency. Austria renewed its partnership with SIDS DOCK and UNIDO through a Joint Declaration signed in 2024 during the Fourth International Conference for SIDS in Antigua. Austria also supports the Cooperation Program with SIDS and co-sponsored Vanuatu's initiative for an International Court of Justice advisory opinion on states' climate change obligations. Additionally, Austria co-chairs the UN's Climate and Security Mechanism, aiming to broaden its donor base and raise visibility at COP 30 in Brazil. Austria recently allocated 1 million euros to support the International Committee of the Red Cross's work in Haiti.
12. In closing, he informed the meeting that Austria is a candidate for a non-permanent seat on the UN Security Council for 2027–2028, with elections in June 2026. He closed by emphasizing Austria's commitment to representing SIDS' concerns and sought their support, underscoring Austria's role as a steadfast partner.
13. The President thanked Ambassador Launsky for his remarks and for his kind words to the Organization, Assembly and the President. He said since establishing our partnership in 2014, in Samoa, at the Third International Conference on SIDS, Austria has supported and partnered with us on almost every event SIDS DOCK has hosted, almost every Assembly, and, significantly, standing with SIDS DOCK as the whole world spun upside down by the COVID-19 Pandemic, and emerging stronger in our partnership with the signing of our Joint Declaration along with UNIDO, at the Fourth International Conference on SIDS in 2024, in Antigua and Barbuda. Austria's footprint of friendship and support is embedded in the Global Ocean Energy Alliance (GLOEA), the most significant initiative established by AOSIS since the SIDS DOCK organization in 2015. The President closed by saying that Austria justifiably deserves to be recognized, on this tenth anniversary, for its contribution to the establishment of the SIDS DOCK Organization.
14. The President introduced Her Excellency Ms. Rabab Fatima, Under-Secretary-General (USG) and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS), who His Excellency António Guterres, UN Secretary-General, nominated to attend and deliver remarks on his behalf. The UN Secretary-General sent his regrets due to a prior commitment, and extended congratulations to the SIDS DOCK Organization on its tenth anniversary.

15. USG Fatima commended the Honourable John Briceño, Prime Minister of Belize, for his leadership as President of the Eighth Session and for convening the Ninth Session. She celebrated SIDS DOCK's 10th anniversary, emphasizing energy access as a cornerstone for sectors like food systems, healthcare, digital inclusion, and disaster resilience. The Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS, adopted in 2024, prioritizes scaled-up investment and regional cooperation for renewable energy. She said that despite progress, challenges persist, including limited investment, scarce technology, and reliance on imported fossil fuels, which consume up to 13% of GDP in some Pacific Island nations. The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) estimates SIDS need \$10 billion to meet 2030 energy targets. Over the past decade, SIDS doubled their renewable energy capacity from 3.5 gigawatts in 2014 to 7.6 gigawatts in 2022, with a goal of 10 gigawatts by 2030. She outlined three priorities:
 - a. Aligning Global Finance: Reform the international financial system to increase concessional finance and access to innovative tools like blended finance and insurance tailored for SIDS.
 - b. Strengthening Regional Capacity: Empower and scale up Caribbean and Pacific renewable energy centers with support for finance, technology transfer, and long-term partnerships.
 - c. Ensuring Inclusive Transition: Prioritize women, youth, and local communities in energy decisions, focusing on decentralized systems, off-grid solutions, and energy storage for underserved islands.
16. In closing, USG Fatima urged action at COP 30 in Brazil and highlighted the upcoming SIDS Global Business Network Forum in the Maldives in 2026, where renewable energy will be a key focus. She pledged her office's support to advance SIDS DOCK's agenda.
17. The President thanked USG Fatima for her remarks and for her kind words. He said whilst our interactions with the UN-OHRLLS has been limited, he hoped that through the implementation of the ABAS, which offers a UN framework to align SIDS DOCK's priorities with global financing and technical support, we can increase our engagement. He looked forward to engaging the UN-OHRLLS and new partners in implementing the ABAS.
18. The President turned the meeting's attention to a pre-recorded statement from His Excellency Mr. Gerd Müller, Director General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).
19. The Director General of UNIDO expressed gratitude for the longstanding cooperation with SIDS DOCK, focusing on a just energy transition, resilience, and climate change mitigation. Key initiatives include:
 - a. Expanding the Global Network of Regional Sustainable Energy Centers to the Caribbean and Pacific.
 - b. Launching the Global Ocean Energy Alliance to unlock private sector investment and transfer innovative ocean energy technologies.

- c. Establishing the UNIDO Barbados Global SIDS Hub for Sustainable Development in May 2024, now operational in Bridgetown.
20. UNIDO, SIDS DOCK, and Austria renewed their commitment through a joint declaration at the SIDS4 Conference in 2024. He said the upcoming Vienna Energy and Climate Forum in 2026 will focus on climate change impacts and energy security in SIDS, paving the way for the next phase of partnership. The Director General reaffirmed UNIDO's commitment to clean energy solutions and economic resilience for SIDS.
21. The President thanked Mr. Müller for his remarks and congratulations. Through our Joint Declaration, he said UNIDO can count on SIDS DOCK to support the Barbados-UNIDO Global SIDS Hub for Sustainable Development. UNIDO is the SIDS DOCK Institutional Partner and we collaborate formally under an agreement to support shared goals, events and initiative. UNIDO has contributed resources, expertise and brought visibility to the SIDS DOCK and the GLOEA, and our joint events. He said the Organization was excited to learn about the next phase of our partnership, which will be a highlight at the 2026 Vienna Energy Forum. He said SIDS DOCK is looking forward to the next chapter in the partnership and to accelerating the sustainable energy transition in SIDS.
22. The President proposed that Belize act as Rapporteur for the eighth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly. Noting no objections, the Assembly agreed by acclamation, Belize, as Rapporteur of the eighth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly.

Agenda Item 2: Organization of work

23. Noting the packed agenda for the meeting, the President of the eighth session of the Assembly informed the Assembly that the Secretary-General, Dr. Albert Binger, informed him that due to limited time the majority agenda items were updates and will be delivered orally, as the Assembly, aided by the Bureau and the Executive Council, were able to conduct its work in a very efficient manner, enabling the Assembly to adopt key decisions and perform necessary functions, by taking decisions under silence procedure of at least 72 hours, and that if the silence is not broken, the decision shall be considered adopted, and the SIDS DOCK Assembly shall take note of the decision at its first plenary meeting. The President informed the Assembly that the documents pertaining to the ninth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly are available on the SIDS DOCK website at: <https://sidsdock.org/assembly/>.
24. The President proposed that Belize act as Rapporteur for the ninth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly. Noting no objections, the Assembly agreed by acclamation, Belize, as Rapporteur of the ninth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly.
- a. Election of Officers of the Assembly – President and Vice-Presidents of the ninth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly*
25. In accordance with Article VI (4) of the Statute of the SIDS DOCK, the Assembly is to elect a President and two Vice-Presidents. The President of the ninth session of the

Assembly should be elected from the Pacific Region, and the Vice-Presidents from the AIS and Caribbean Regions, respectively.

26. In this regard, the Secretariat informed that they are in receipt of the nomination of the Hon. Mr. Feleti Penitala Teo, Prime Minister of Tuvalu, as President of the ninth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly representing the Pacific Region. Noting that there are no other nominations, the Assembly was invited to consider the election of Hon. Mr. Feleti Penitala Teo, Prime Minister of Tuvalu, for the post of President of the ninth session of the Assembly.
27. **Noting no objections, the Assembly elected by acclamation, Hon. Mr. Feleti Penitala Teo, Prime Minister of Tuvalu, as the President of the ninth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly, whose term expires in December 2026.**
28. The President introduced the President-elect Hon. Mr. Feleti Penitala Teo, Prime Minister of Tuvalu, representing the Pacific Region, and invited him to deliver his statement as President of the ninth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly.
29. Prime Minister Teo expressed his profound gratitude in accepting the position of President of the ninth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly. He reflected on Tuvalu's long-standing leadership in advancing SIDS DOCK, marking ten years of resilience and innovation across Small Island Developing States. As the first country to ratify the SIDS DOCK Statute, he emphasized that Tuvalu's commitment has never been symbolic, its survival depends on bold cooperation, marine renewable energy, and nature-based climate solutions. He highlighted some of SIDS DOCK's major achievements, including the establishment of the Global Ocean Energy Alliance (GLOEA), wave power parks, Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC), and Waste-to-Energy initiatives, all of which promise energy security and economic stability for vulnerable island populations. He further noted that Partnerships such as with GRID-Arendal and the groundbreaking Biorock technology underscore the importance of protecting coastlines, reefs, and freshwater systems in low-lying nations facing existential climate threats.
30. He recognized the work of the Island Women Open Network (IWON) and Tonga's pioneering Botanical Herbal Project, recognizing women as central drivers of sustainable island livelihoods. Looking ahead, he said Tuvalu calls for deeper participation, expanded investment in marine renewables, stronger nature-based solutions, and climate finance that reaches the most vulnerable. The nation reaffirms that although small in landmass, its spirit and determination are vast, pledging leadership grounded in unity and urgency. The Prime Minister closed his remarks by expressing gratitude to all Member States and partners, urging continued collaboration to build a thriving, resilient future powered by the ocean's renewable energy wealth.

Election of Officers of the Assembly – Vice-Presidents

31. The President invited the Assembly to proceed with the election of two Vice-Presidents of the Assembly. In this regard, the Secretariat informed that it is in receipt of the nomination of Hon. John Briceño, Prime Minister of Belize, representing the Caribbean Region, and

- Honourable Wavel Ramkalawan, President of the Republic of Seychelles, representing the AIS Region, respectively, for the posts of Vice Presidents.
32. Noting that there were no other nominations, the Assembly was invited to consider the election of Honourable Briceño and Honourable Ramkalawan, for the posts of Vice-Presidents of the ninth session of the Assembly.
 33. **Noting no objections, the Assembly elected by acclamation, Honourable Briceño and Honourable Ramkalawan, as the Vice-Presidents of the ninth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly, for the term 1st January 2026 to 31st December 2026.**
 34. The President invited Mrs. Teresa Laurencine, Chargé d’Affaires, a.i. and First Secretary from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Seychelles to the United Nations to make brief remarks on behalf of the Honourable Wavel Ramkalawan, President of the Republic of Seychelles, and the newly-elected Vice-President, representing the AIS region, who unfortunately was not able to join the Assembly.
 35. Through his statement President Ramkalawan said Seychelles’ acceptance of the Vice Presidency of the ninth SIDS DOCK Assembly marks a milestone for the AIS region and highlights a decade of growing partnerships that have strengthened clean energy innovation across Small Island Developing States. The launch of the Global Ocean Energy Alliance (GLOEA) in 2022 accelerated real progress, supported by Belize’s leadership, and has helped advance projects such as Seabased’s wave energy facility and Seychelles’ upcoming 5 MW solar PV project, the first utility-scale Independent Power Producer (IPP) in Seychelles and one of Africa’s largest of its kind. Dominica’s 10 MW geothermal plant further demonstrates how blended finance and private sector collaboration can unlock transformative solutions for island nations.
 36. President Ramkalawan said Seychelles’ long-standing leadership within SIDS DOCK continues to drive climate advocacy, project development and nature-based solutions, from reef regeneration to coastal protection. Initiatives like the Island Women Open Network (IWON) are expanding sustainable botanical and herbal markets powered by clean energy. Looking ahead, he called for bold ambition, rapid innovation, and targeted climate finance to build a resilient future for all island nations, an aspiration proudly reaffirmed as SIDS DOCK celebrates its 10th anniversary.
 37. The President thanked Mrs. Teresa Laurencine and through her, expressed thanks to President Ramkalawan for his remarks. He thanked the Government of Seychelles for the outstanding support provided to the SIDS DOCK organisation. As one of the Founding Members of the SIDS DOCK Organization, he said the organization has always relied on the sterling leadership of Seychelles in standing up the governance structure of the organization and therefore, we celebrate the fine example of what it means to be deeply committed to an organization. The President lauded Seychelles contribution and pioneering role in debt for nature swaps, renewable energy, and children’s environmental education, and specifically, the SIDS Day In Schools.

The President invited Prime Minister John Briceño, to bring remarks as the newly-elected Vice-President representing the Caribbean region.

38. The Hon. John Briceño thanked the Assembly for his election as Vice President and reaffirmed Belize's commitment to supporting sustainable energy and climate resilience initiatives.
39. The President thanked Hon. John Briceño for his outstanding leadership, and commend him for offering himself to once again serve as Vice President, enabling the organization to continue the work initiated with fellow Heads of State and Government in helping to accelerate the SIDS energy transition, in establishing the GLOEA and converting waste to energy.

(b) Adoption of the Agenda

40. The President introduced the Provisional Agenda contained in document A/9/1/Rev.4. There were no objections to, or matters for inclusion in the current revised draft Agenda.
41. **The Assembly adopted the Agenda of the Assembly as contained in document A/9/1/Rev.4.**

(c) Appointment of a Credentials Committee

42. The President informed the Assembly that the Secretariat has advised that Antigua & Barbuda, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Seychelles and Tuvalu are desirous of serving on the Credentials Committee.
43. The Assembly was then invited to approve the appointment of Mr. Glentis Thomas (Antigua & Barbuda), Ms. Cindy Novelo (Belize), H.E. Dr. Philbert Aaron (Dominica), Mr. Jeremy Raidgonde (Seychelles) and Selema Navoti (Tuvalu) to the Credentials Committee.
44. **The Assembly approved by acclamation the appointment of the five aforementioned Members to the Credentials Committee.**

(d) Participation of Observers

45. In accordance with Article VI (8) of the Statute, in which the Assembly can provide observer status to intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations active in the field of adaptation to climate change and renewable energy, and Signatories that have not ratified the Statute, with the understanding that Observers may participate, without the right to vote, in the public sessions of the Assembly and its subsidiary organs. Consideration is also being granted to Members of the Alliance of Small Island Developing States (AOSIS) who are not signatories or members of SIDS DOCK.

46. In accordance with Rule 13 of the Provisional Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, the Assembly approved the requests of countries and organizations as contained in document A/9/2 to participate as Observers in the ninth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly.
47. **Noting no objection, please note that document A/9/2 will be amended to reflect today's participation. The countries and organizations contained in document A/9/2, as amended, have been approved to participate as Observers in the ninth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly.**

(e) Adoption of the Report of the eighth session of the Assembly

48. The President introduced the report of the eighth session of the Assembly and invited the Assembly to consider and approve the report as contained in document A/8/SR/1.
49. **The Assembly adopted the Report of the eighth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly, as contained in document A/8/SR/1.**

Agenda Item 3 – Report of the Chair of the Executive Council

50. The President informed the Assembly that Secretariat reported that due to time constraints, the reports will be delivered orally. He reminded Members that the meeting documents pertaining to the ninth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly are available on the SIDS DOCK website at: <https://sidsdock.org/assembly/>.
51. The President invited the Chair of the SIDS DOCK Executive Council, Mr. Va'inga Tōnē, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Tonga to the United Nations to present the report.
52. Ambassador Tōnē thanked the President and informed the Assembly that the Council convened one meeting during the reporting period of September 2024 to August 2025. The fourteenth meeting of the SIDS DOCK Executive Council was held on Monday, 7th July 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in-person at the Commonwealth Joint Offices Conference Room, 685 Third Avenue, 11th floor, New York, N.Y., 10017, and via telephone and video conferencing using Zoom, a web-based hosting service.
53. This one-day Meeting was attended by the following Members of the Council: H.E. Va'inga Tōnē (Tonga - Chair); H.E. Carlos Fuller (Belize – Vice Chair); H.E. Dr. Philbert Aaron (Dominica); H.E. Mr. Fatumanava III Dr. Pa'olelei Luteru (Samoa); Mrs. Bilma Bandeira Mandinga (Sao Tome and Principe); Mr. Tony Imaduwa (Seychelles – Vice Chair); and H.E. Dr. Tapugao Falefou (Tuvalu).
54. The Executive Council welcomed new member, Mrs. Bilma Bandeira Mandinga from São Tomé and Príncipe. The Council confirmed its current leadership positions and appointed H.E. Mr. Carlos Fuller as Rapporteur. The Secretariat presented updates on the SIDS DOCK Programme of Work 2025-2027, including the Global Ocean Energy Alliance (GLOEA) project pipeline and recent donor engagements. The Council discussed

challenges in achieving a quorum and considered revising the rules of procedure to address this issue.

Quorum Rules and Meeting Reforms

55. The Executive Council discussed amendments to its Rules of Procedure to address challenges in achieving a quorum for meetings. The Secretariat proposed encouraging Member States to nominate at least two alternates and reducing regular meetings from two to one per year. While some Members suggested lowering the quorum threshold, others emphasized the need to maintain the current two-thirds requirement to ensure adequate representation. The Council agreed to proceed with the Secretariat's recommendations on alternates and proxies as interim measures, with further review of meeting schedules and participation strategies.

SIDS DOCK Support Program Trust Funds Administered by the World Bank/ESMAP and UNDP

56. The meeting focused on two main issues: trust fund management and banking challenges. The Secretariat reported that significant funds from Denmark and Japan, totaling over \$22 million, were transferred to the World Bank and UNDP for the SIDS DOCK; however, the organization has not received any reports on their use despite multiple requests. The Council agreed to write to the UNDP, requesting information on Danish funds, and to bring the ESMAP funding issue to the attention of the SIDS DOCK Bureau.

Banking Challenges

57. Regarding banking issues, the Secretariat reported ongoing problems with Atlantic Bank in Belize, leading to their recommendation to close the account and open a new one at Belize Bank, which the Council endorsed.

Wave Energy Park Technology Overview

58. Dr. Laurent Albert, CEO for Seabased Company, presented their wave energy park technology, highlighting its ability to provide reliable, carbon-neutral power to islands with minimal environmental impact. The system uses underwater wave energy converters connected to buoys on the surface, producing 2-10 megawatts of power per installation. The technology has been successfully tested in Sweden and Ghana, with projects now planned or underway in Tonga, Barbados, Grenada, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Bermuda. While the system requires 40-meter water depths and sandy bottoms, it causes minimal disruption to marine life, with independent studies showing no significant noise impact on whales beyond 200 meters. The company is working to optimize costs and maintenance procedures for large-scale deployment.

Ocean Energy and Climate Initiatives

59. The meeting discussed several key topics related to ocean energy and climate change initiatives. The Secretariat reported on recent missions to France, Norway and Denmark, where they met with government officials and potential partners to advance projects for Small Island Developing States (SIDS). The SIDS delegation, led by Ambassador Fuller, the Member from Belize, successfully organized a side event in partnership with UNIDO, at the UN Ocean Conference in Nice, on 9 June 2025, that attracted 162 attendees. They highlighted the need for investment in ocean energy technologies and nature-based

60. solutions to address climate change impacts. The delegation also secured commitments from Norway and Denmark to support SIDS projects, particularly in Tuvalu and Belize. The Secretariat plans to follow up on these partnerships and proposals and report back to the Council.

Ocean Energy and Partnerships Update

61. The meeting discussed updates on various projects and initiatives related to ocean energy, partnerships, and regional development. The Secretariat provided information on the Clean Danish Water Cluster's mission to foster partnerships for green technologies in SIDS, highlighting collaboration opportunities with Maersk Foundation for zero-carbon shipping. The Chair emphasized the potential for ocean energy partnerships with shipping companies. At the same time, the Secretariat explained the alignment of the Global Ocean Energy Alliance (GLOEA) projects with regional priorities and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) initiatives. The Council approved the Secretariat's recommendation to present the SIDS DOCK Indicative Project Pipeline at the next Assembly session. Discussions on the Island Women Open Network's botanical herbal project and Children's Programme were also held.

Belize Indicative Project Pipeline Update

62. The Executive Council meeting covered several key topics. The Secretariat reported progress on a Pilot Programme for swim and ocean education in Belize, targeting children aged 7-10 years old and incorporating ocean-based swimming lessons. The Secretariat discussed a waste-to-energy project in Belize, partnering with TML Group, to convert Sargassum into electricity, with Propane gas as a backup during Sargassum shortages. The Council also reviewed a feasibility study for electric mobility vehicles in Belize, with an estimated budget of \$500,000 for demonstration and \$12-15 million for full implementation.

Need for Increased Engagement with AOSIS

63. The Secretariat informed the Council that , and the need for increased engagement with AOSIS, particularly regarding climate change issues. Over the 10 years since SIDS DOCK became legal and received its UN Statute, the Secretariat has still not been invited to make an intervention or presentation at an AOSIS meeting. The Secretary-General said he does not believe this is not in the best interest of the Members or SIDS DOCK to grow. He asked the Members of the Council to assist with opportunities to see if it is possible to actually talk to AOSIS.

64. **During the fourteenth meeting of the Council, key decisions were taken, notably:**

Quorum Rules and Meeting Reforms

- a. Noting that there were no objections, the Council approved the Secretariat's recommendations, and instructed the Secretariat to work with the Member from Belize to draft a Note Verbale to Members of the SIDS DOCK Assembly, transmitting the decisions on the following:
 - i. That the Assembly consider amending Rule 75, where the Council will meet regularly once per year instead of two regular meetings.

- ii. That Member States are strongly encouraged to nominate at least one Alternate to the Executive Council.
- iii. That Rule 4, the use of Proxy Letters, be used for decisions to ensure that the Executive Council meetings proceeds if there is not a full quorum present and that the decisions and votes are recorded.

SIDS DOCK Support Program Trust Funds Administered by the World Bank/ESMAP and UNDP

- b. Noting that there were no objections, the Council approved the Chair's recommendations that the Council have face-to-face meetings between the Council and the World Bank and the UNDP before escalating the matter to the Bureau. The Council also agreed to draft a letter to the UNDP requesting a face-to-face meeting. The Secretariat was requested to draft the letter to the UNDP for the Chair's attention.

Banking Challenges

- c. Noting that there were no objections, the Chair recommended that the Council endorse the recommendation from the Secretariat, regarding closure of the bank account at Atlantic Bank and the opening of a new bank account at the Belize Bank, as decision EC/14/DC/2.

Ocean Energy and Partnerships Update

- d. Noting that there were no objections, the Council approved the Secretariat's recommendation for the Secretariat to present the GLOEA Indicative Project Pipeline containing all member countries' projects submitted to and/or discussed with the Secretariat, at the forthcoming ninth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly in September 2025.

Request to Convene a Meeting with AOSIS

- e. Noting that there were no objections, the Council approved the Secretariat's recommendation for the Council to assist with opportunities to see if it is possible to arrange a presentation to AOSIS.
65. Ambassador Tōnē informed the President that there are several overlaps in the Council's Report and the Report from the Secretariat on the Programme of Work. Therefore, in the interest of time and with the President's permission, the Chair requested to use this opportunity to deliver one presentation covering Agenda Item 3, Report of the Chair of the Executive Council; and Agenda Item 4, Report of the Secretariat on the Implementation of the Programme of Work and Budget for the period January 2025 to December 2027. In this regard, Ambassador Tōnē requested the Secretariat to deliver the reports.
66. The President thanked the Chair and the Members of the Executive Council for their hard work and dedication. He said they continue to work diligently with establishing a solid foundation for the Organization to build on, and their work is evident in the heavy agenda before the Assembly, and encouraged the Council to keep up the good work.
67. **Noting no objections, the Assembly took note with appreciation of the report of the Chair of the Executive Council, as contained in document A/9/3.**

Agenda Item 4 - Report of the Secretariat on the implementation of the Programme of work and budget for the period January 2025 to December 2027 - Sub-Item a. Update: Global Ocean Energy Alliance (GLOEA) Indicative Project Pipeline: Pacific Region (Tonga, Tuvalu, Samoa); Caribbean Region (Belize, Dominica, St. Vincent and the Grenadines); AIS Region (Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles)

68. Prime Minister Teo noted that from the report, Members would have noticed that a lot of the work of the Secretariat and the Secretary-General was focused on Oceans and Ocean Energy and promoting the Global Ocean Energy Alliance; and Climate Resilience Strategies focused on supporting climate-resilient and sustainable blue and green economies in SIDS through the sound management of coastal and marine ecosystems, which is increasingly recognized as a cost-effective adaptation and mitigation action in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) with multiple co-benefits.
69. The President invited Dr. Albert Binger, Secretary-General, to make an oral presentation to the Assembly regarding the Implementation of the Modified Programme of Work and budget for the Period January 2025 to December 2027.
70. The Secretary-General thanked the President and said the revised Programme of Work remained focused on the mandates from the Assembly for priority to ocean energy, waste to energy, nature-based solutions, and women and the youth. Having received updates through the Executive Council Report, the Secretary-General reported on the following:

Global Ocean Energy Alliance (GLOEA) Indicative Project Pipeline: Pacific Region (Tonga, Tuvalu, Samoa); Caribbean Region (Belize, Dominica, St. Vincent and the Grenadines); AIS Region (Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles)

71. The Secretariat informed the meeting that the GLOEA Indicative Project Pipeline being presented today does not include Mauritius, as the Secretariat has not been able to have any dialogue with Mauritius. This also reflects the resources that the Secretariat has and hopefully will have so we can focus on these countries in the GLOEA Pipeline. These are our “winners” and the plan is to focus on these countries and take their projects over the finish line with their various projects.
72. The Secretariat delivered a Presentation on “The GLOEA Projects: Wave Parks, Living breakwater, Waste-to-Energy,” as contained in Document A/9/18. The presentation covered the GLOEA Project Portfolio and Investment Opportunities, status of the projects across the three regions, and suggested recommendations for a path forward.
73. Currently there are 13 projects across 7 countries featuring 4 technologies – wave, waste-to-energy, EV charging solutions, and Biorock Living Breakwater. There are two other Caribbean countries that are currently engaged in developing MoUs but have not formally been added to the pipeline as yet. Total Portfolio Value: Range: \$239 - \$439 million, with 70MW of total clean energy.
74. Accelerating Ocean Energy Transformation: Recommendations:

- a. Governments: Fast-track regulatory approvals and policy support.
- b. Development Partners: Scale funding for feasibility studies and implementation.
- c. Technology Partners: Expand regional deployment capabilities.

Table: GLOEA Project Portfolio

Region	Country & No. Projects	Technology
Caribbean	Belize (3)	WtE, Sargassum Solutions, EV Charging solutions
	Dominica (2)	WtE, Wave
Pacific	Samoa (2)	Wave, Biorock
	Tonga (2)	Wave, Biorock
	Tuvalu (2)	Biorock
AMS	São Tomé and Príncipe (1)	Wave
	Seychelles (2)	Wave, Biorock
Other Caribbean Countries engaged in development of MoUs	Barbados (1)	Wave
	St. Vincent and the Grenadines (1)	Wave

75. The President thanked the Secretary-General for the presentation from the Secretariat. On behalf of the Membership, the President placed on record profound gratitude to the Secretary-General and his small team for their dedication and excellent leadership in advancing the work and vision of the Organization. He said Tuvalu looks forward to continuing to support the SIDS DOCK Secretariat and to working closely with the Secretary-General and his team to advance the work of the Organization in the coming year. The President opened the floor for comments.
76. Prime Minister Briceño in his comments, express our appreciation and support for development of the Waste-to-Energy and Sargassum project as the entire Caribbean is in crisis. He said Belize was grateful to be chosen as the pilot and he looks forward to the pilot being implemented and replicated across the Caribbean.
77. The Secretary-General used the opportunity to update the Assembly on the Secretariat's Missions to Norway and Denmark in June 2026, following attendance at the UNOC3 in Nice, France. The Secretary-General said the primary purpose of the mission to Denmark was to seek private sector technology partners for the SIDS Waste-to-Energy (WtE) Programme.
78. A site visit to Roskilde University Denmark, on 25th June 2025, led to Waste-to-Energy Solutions to address the Sargassum Problem. The University has agreed to assist with

addressing the problem by providing data and information on how to identify the characteristics of the Sargassum. Roskilde engaged the Danish Technical University (DTU) to assist with the study of the characteristics of the Sargassum and samples were sent to them, and also has provided access to high technology equipment and expertise to determine the suitability of fresh collected seaweed directly from the ocean to be dried, pelletized, and stored as fuel. One of the dangers of Sargassum is that there are countries that have proposed using the Sargassum for fertilizers, cosmetics and other uses involving some kind of human contact and/or consumption when we know for sure that it is filled with arsenic and cadmium and other heavy metals, so this is a critical step for the Secretariat. They also have technology that is available in Denmark which can be made to scale. Sargassum biomass from Belizean waters was shipped to Roskilde University for pyrolysis testing, with results expected to confirm technical feasibility of synthetic gas production for operating existing GE turbine.

79. The President noted that the Secretariat recommended that this discussion on the Mission to Denmark, noted as Item 7 b., on the Agenda, will be noted as discussed under Agenda Item 4.
80. The Assembly noted with appreciation the Report of the Secretariat on the implementation of the Programme of work and budget for the period January 2025 to December 2027, as contained in document A/9/4.

Agenda Item 5 - Election of the Members of the Executive Council

(a) Election of four (4) members to the Executive Council for the term 2026-2028

81. The President informed the Assembly that the Secretariat informed that the Governments of Belize and Tuvalu have all nominated their respective representatives to the election under reference. Noting that there are no other nominations and that in accordance with Article VII, Section 1 of the Statute, the nominees duly qualify for election to the Executive Council.
82. The President noted that the Permanent Mission of Mauritius to the UN informed the Secretariat that the tour of duty of the Member from Mauritius, His Excellency Mr. Jagdish Dharamchand Koonjul, former Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Mauritius to the UN representing the AIS Region, ended in December 2024, and in this regard, the Secretariat has requested time to allow Mauritius to nominate a new Member of the Executive Council. The Assembly thanked Ambassador Koonjul for his dedication and service to the Council, and his outstanding support for the development of the SIDS DOCK organization over the years.
83. It is therefore proposed that the Assembly by acclamation elect the following to the Executive Council for the term 1st January 2026 to 31st December 2028:
 - a. His Excellency Mr. Carlos Fuller of Belize, representing the Caribbean Region;
 - b. His Excellency Dr. Tapugao Falefou of Tuvalu, representing the Pacific Region.

84. Before closing this Agenda Item, the President placed on record the Assembly's congratulations to the elected Members of the Executive Council, and thanked the Executive Council for its hard work. He also took the opportunity to remind the Members of the Executive Council that they have been elected to serve in their personal capacities, and therefore their active participation and commitment to the Council is highly appreciated and expected.
85. **Noting no objections, the Assembly duly elected His Excellency Mr. Carlos Fuller of Belize and His Excellency Dr. Tapugao Falefou of Tuvalu, to the membership of the Executive Council for the period beginning 1st January 2026 to 31st December 2028.**

Agenda Item 6 - Institutional and Administrative Matters

(a) Report of the Depositary

86. The President introduced the Report of the Depositary, as contained in document A/9/5, and on behalf of the Assembly, expressed heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the Permanent Mission of Belize for overseeing the Depositary, and we are assured that the Assembly can continue to count on Belize's continued support and cooperation as we move forth to strengthen the membership and the Organization as a whole.
87. As a reminder, thirty-two (32) countries signed the Memorandum of Agreement Establishing the SIDS DOCK between 2009 and 2014. In September 2014, 20 countries signed the Statute Establishing the SIDS DOCK in Samoa, at the Third UN International Conference on SIDS, and since September 2015, when the Treaty came into force, 17 countries have either ratified or acceded to the Statute, with one country – Tuvalu, through signature effectuated ratification, being the first country to ratify the SIDS DOCK Treaty, in Samoa, in 2014, at the SIDS Conference. He said he was looking forward to more SIDS acceding to the Statute as we look to update the SIDS4 meeting on the progress the organization is making in serving our countries.
88. **The Assembly took note with appreciation of the report of the Depositary, as contained in document number A/9/5.**

(b) Report of the Credentials Committee

89. The President informed that the Credentials Committee met on Thursday, 25 September 2025, to examine and verify the Letters of Credentials submitted in accordance with Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.
90. During its meeting, the Committee elected Ms. Cindy Novelo of Belize, to serve as Chair of the Committee. The President noted that due to time constraints, Members were invited to visit the SIDS DOCK Website for the report. The President reminded the Assembly that the documents pertaining to the ninth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly are available on the SIDS DOCK website at: <https://sidsdock.org/assembly/>.

91. The Credentials Committee consisted of five members:
- a. Antigua & Barbuda – Mr. Glentis Thomas
 - b. Belize – Ms. Cindy Novelo
 - c. Dominica – Dr. Philbert Aaron
 - d. Seychelles – Mr. Jeremy Radegonde
 - e. Tuvalu – Ms. Selema Navoti
92. The “Report of the Credentials Committee” as contained in document A/9/6. examined the credentials received. The Committee determined that 10 Members, namely Antigua & Barbuda, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Mauritius, Samoa, Seychelles, Tonga, and Tuvalu, had submitted credentials in the form required by Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.
93. The Committee therefore recommended that the 10 aforementioned Members be permitted to participate in the ninth session. In addition to those delegations that did not submit credentials but submitted Note Verbale by the competent authority were deemed to conform to the requirement, and under Rule 15 of the Rules of Procedure will be granted provisional admission to the session.
94. **The report of the Credentials Committee was approved by the Assembly as contained in document A/9/6.**
95. On behalf of the Assembly, the President thanked Ms. Cindy Novelo, Chair of the Credentials Committee for the report, and through her, thanked the other members of the Committee for their service.

(c) Revision of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and Executive Council

96. The President noted that the Secretariat circulated the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and Executive Council as contained in document A/2/6/Rev.1. Document A/2/6 was approved on 24th September 2016, at the second session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly. The recommendations sets out modifications to the original Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council, and is intended to address the increased demands on Executive Council Members by the organization as activities expand, and from their national governments to address the many challenges stemming from global changes in climate, and geopolitics.
97. Recognizing the important role the Council plays and in order to keep the Council relevant, active and impactful, it is within this context that the Secretariat has requested time to put forth recommendations, increasing the effectiveness of the Executive Council.
98. There are 17 members of the SIDS DOCK eligible to participate on the Executive Council, reflecting those that have deposited the instrument of ratification or accession with the Depositary, according to Articles XVII, Section 2 and Article XVIII.
99. The Secretariat has put forth the following recommendations:

- a. That Member States be strongly encouraged to nominate an Alternate to the Executive Council.
 - b. That the Assembly consider amending Rule 75, where the Council will meet regularly once per year instead of two regular meetings.
 - c. That, when necessary, the Council utilize Rule 4, the use of Proxy Letters, for decisions to ensure that the meeting proceeds if there is not a full quorum present and that the decisions and votes are recorded.
100. The President invited the Secretariat to introduce document A/2/6/Rev.1, Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and Executive Council, and document A/9/DC/1 Decision of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and Executive Council, and make some remarks on the matter.
101. The Secretariat noted that this matter was addressed during the Report of the SIDS DOCK Executive Council, where the Chair reported that at its fourteenth meeting this was the most substantial discussion that took place, i.e., the revision of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and Executive Council as contained in document A/2/6, approved on 24th September 2016 at the second session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly.
102. The Secretariat reported that in recent times, the Council has struggled to reach a quorum, and this poses a major challenge to the survivability of the Council and by extension the work of the Secretariat. Currently, a dedicated group of countries and individuals has kept the Council relevant, active and impactful, and it is within this context that the Secretariat has requested time to put forth recommendations to constitute a quorum of the Executive Council.
103. Nine countries have consistently demonstrated the greatest commitment in service to the Council, and seven were represented at the fourteenth meeting, forming the quorum for the meeting. However, there will be times when it is difficult to convene meetings to reach the threshold of six (6), therefore the Secretariat is recommending the following recommendations and amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and the Executive Council.
- a. **Encourage Member States to nominate at least one Alternative:** Although Rule 57 says that countries can nominate up to two Alternates, no country has formally submitted any names thus far. Each group (Pacific, Caribbean and AIS Regions) may nominate up to two alternates, and shall present alternates alongside candidates to the Assembly. Therefore, the Secretariat recommended that the Notice for Vacancies for the Executive Council strongly encourage Member States to nominate at least one Alternatives, and that they be present during the election at the Assembly meetings. Alternates may attend sessions and participate in discussions, but they cannot vote unless they are formally designated to act on behalf of the official representative. This designation must be recognized by the SIDS DOCK Executive Council. In practice, if an elected Member is absent, an alternate can vote only if they are officially listed as the acting representative for that meeting, otherwise, they do not hold voting rights

- b. independently. **So, alternates can vote, but only when they are officially standing in for their country's designated representative.**
- c. **Council Rules Item I Meetings; Rule 1 Frequency of meetings**, notes: "The Executive Council shall convene twice a year at regular sessions and shall convene in special sessions as often as the Chair determines appropriate. The Executive Council shall determine at each meeting the time and place of its next regular meeting. The Executive Council shall meet as often as may be required between regular meetings for the fulfillment of its powers and functions. The Executive Council may be convened on the authority of the Chair of the Executive Council (the "Chair"), who shall convene a meeting of the Executive Council at the request of the Assembly, or at the request of three members of the Executive Council."

In 2019, a decision was taken to convene one regular meeting per year, as it was difficult to reach a quorum twice per year, noting the very busy schedules of members. This has been more feasible, and with the aid of electronic communication, decisions have been made in a timely manner. Therefore, the Secretariat is recommending that this Rule be amended to read:

"The Executive Council shall convene once a year at a regular session and shall convene in special sessions as often as the Chair determines appropriate.

- d. **Rule 4 Meetings other than in-person:** In instances where the two-thirds threshold is not met to hold a quorum, and the Secretariat would indicate to the Chair if this is the case, then the Secretariat would, based on the likely decisions to be taken at the meeting, request proxy letters from members who are unable to participate. Rule 4 notes: "The Executive Council may act by means of proxy letter, teleconference, video-conference, and other similar means of communication in which the participation of each member of the Executive Council may be facilitated and the votes of each member of the Executive Council may be recorded."
104. There are two recommendations for amendments being requested of the Assembly, and this is to bring in line what currently occurs. Firstly, instead of two annual meetings of the Council, there will be one, and as the Rules note, the Chair can call special meetings and correspondence in lieu of meetings. Secondly, to amend the AIMS region to the AIS region.
 105. The President opened the floor for comments.
 106. **Noting that there were no objections, the Assembly approved the Secretariat's recommendations, as contained in document A/9/DC/1, on the following:**
 - a. That the Assembly consider amending Rule 75, where the Council will meet regularly once per year instead of two regular meetings.
 - b. That Member States are strongly encouraged to nominate at least one Alternate to the Executive Council.

- c. That Rule 4, the use of Proxy Letters, be used for decisions to ensure that the Executive Council meetings proceeds if there is not a full quorum present and that the decisions and votes are recorded.
107. Having considered the Draft Revised Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and the Executive Council, and pursuant to Assembly Decision, as contained in document A/9/DC/1, the Assembly decides to adopt the recommendations and the Revised Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and the Executive Council as contained in document A/2/6/Rev.1.

Agenda Item 7: SIDS DOCK Missions to France, Norway and Denmark:

- a. ***SIDS DOCK and UNIDO at the UN Ocean Conference (UNOC3), Nice, France, 9-13 June 2025: SIDS DOCK-UNIDO Side Event on the Global Ocean Energy Alliance (GLOEA) and the High-Level Panel on Recommendations on Climate Financing and Financing the GLOEA Indicative Project Pipeline***
 - b. ***SIDS DOCK Mission to Norway, 14-22 June 2025, organized by GRID-Arendal, Norway***
 - c. ***SIDS DOCK Mission to Denmark, 22-26 June 2025, organized by Clean the Danish Water and Environment Cluster***
108. The President invited Secretary-General Binger to present the Assembly with an oral report on this agenda item, and Sub-Items, a. *SIDS DOCK and UNIDO at the UN Ocean Conference (UNOC3), Nice, France, 9-13 June 2025: SIDS DOCK-UNIDO Side Event on the Global Ocean Energy Alliance (GLOEA) and the High-Level Panel on Recommendations on Climate Financing and Financing the GLOEA Indicative Project Pipeline*; and b. *SIDS DOCK Mission to Norway, 14-22 June 2025, organized by GRID-Arendal, Norway* c. *SIDS DOCK Mission to Denmark, 22-26 June 2025, organized by Clean the Danish Water and Environment Cluster*.
109. The Secretariat opened the meeting by thanking Prime Minister Briceno of Belize, Prime Minister Teo of Tuvalu, and President Ramkalawan of Seychelles and all the other countries that attended the SIDS DOCK-UNIDO UNOC3 Side Event, hosted by Prime Minister Briceno, President of the eighth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly. It was a standing room only event – 162 people. The Presentation from the World Bank resonated the most with the audience, and at the end of the meeting one of the biggest outcome was the opportunity to follow up with the World Bank on the funds they are holding for the SIDS DOCK Secretariat. The Secretariat thanked Prime Minister Briceno for the intervention.
110. During the Mission to Norway, the Secretariat renewed its relationship with GRID-Arendal, Norway, with the signing of a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), renewing the partnership established in 2020. They provide the Secretariat with technical support and resources. Meetings were held with high officials in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Norway indicated support in intervening in the World Bank situation and advocating for SIDS at the Green Climate Fund (GCF) board. They have requested that we

provide a list of countries and projects so they can advocate on our behalf. The Secretariat hopes to present something to Norway, now that their election is over and we can reengage.

111. The Mission to Denmark, previously reported, was a very technical mission, where the Secretariat was seeking technologies for waste-to-energy and how to get some assistance to battle the Sargassum problem.
112. The Secretary-General noted that these items were previously covered in the Executive Council and Secretariat Reports, therefore, the President can proceed to the next agenda item.
113. I thank the Secretary-General for this update, and wish to congratulate the Secretariat on the successful missions to the benefit of our Members and the wider SIDS community. On behalf of the Assembly, we sincerely thank the Governments of Norway and Denmark for meeting with the Secretary-General and the Chief of Staff, and to GRID-Arendal and Clean Denmark, we look forward to our continued partnership in project development and contributing to the sustainable energy transition in SIDS.
114. The President opened the floor to delegations wishing to take the floor regarding this agenda item.
115. The Secretary-General said there was an interesting technology the Secretariat was introduced developed by Ocean Sun, which is engaged in deployment of floating solar in the Maldives, as a potential private sector contact. They operate PV systems that can generate electricity and potable water. Discussions looked at Belize as an example, using existing hydro dams to deploy the PV for the floating solar system. The PVs are installed on the surface of the dams; it reduces evaporation and does not require any new transmission line. This application is innovative and can be used in SIDS in small reservoirs and small lagoons.
116. The President thanked the Secretary-General for his additional comments.
117. **The Assembly took note with appreciation of the report on the SIDS DOCK Secretariat's Update on its Missions to UNOC3, Nice, France; Norway and Denmark, as contained in document number A/9/14.**

Agenda Item 8 – Remarks by Member States and Observers.

118. The President invited delegates to indicate their interest to speak and the Secretariat will compile a list. As the meeting is virtual, the Secretary-General has requested that delegations email the names of their speakers to the Secretariat at: secretariat@sidsdock.org, if you have not done so.
119. As there are no delegations requesting the floor, the President requested the Members to turn their attention to the next agenda item.

Agenda Item 9 - Organization and arrangements for the Tenth Session of the Assembly**(a) *Designation of the date***

120. The President proposed that the tenth session of the Assembly be convened in September 2026, on the margins of the General Debate of the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly.
121. **The Assembly took note of the discussion and agreed that the tenth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly will be scheduled in New York, in September 2026, on the margins of the General Debate of the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly, and that the Secretariat in collaboration with the President of the Assembly would determine the exact date.**

122. *Designation of the members of the Bureau*

123. The President invited States Parties to indicate their desire to serve on the Bureau of the tenth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly, as soon as possible and no later than 1 June 2026, in order to facilitate a smooth transition in September 2026.
124. In keeping with the principle of equitable regional rotation of the post of the Presidency among the three sub-regions, the President of the tenth session should come from the AIS sub-region, and the Vice-Presidents from the Pacific and Caribbean sub-regions, respectively.
125. **The Assembly hereby agreed that interested States Parties would communicate to the SIDS DOCK Secretariat no later than 1 June 2026, their desire to serve on the Bureau of the tenth session of the Assembly, and that the President of the tenth session be from the AIS sub-region, and the Vice Presidents from the Pacific and Caribbean sub-regions, respectively.**

Agenda Item 10: Any Other Business

126. The President opened the floor for any comments under this Agenda Item.
127. Noting that there are no matters to discuss under this agenda item, the President proposed the Assembly to turn its attention to the final item on the Agenda: The Closure of the session.

Agenda Item 11: Closure of the session

128. The President delivered a closing statement.
129. The President opened by recognizing and thanking those delegates who took the time to join the meeting online, and commended them for their commitment. He said he looked forward to continued collaboration during our meetings and

130. The President once again thanked all the delegates and participants for joining the meeting and concluded the ninth session of the Assembly.
131. **The President adjourned the ninth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly.**