Second Session of the Assembly of SIDS DOCK

UN Headquarters, ECOSOC Chamber

New York, New York

24 September 2016

**Report of the Interim Secretariat on the**

**Host Country Agreement**

On the directive of the first meeting of the Executive Council, the Interim Secretariat was requested to consult with the Government of Belize on matters as they relate to the hosting of the SIDS DOCK Secretariat.

On 7 July 2016, Dr. Kenrick Leslie and Dr. Albert Binger, serving as the Interim Secretariat, met with Minister Frank Mena, Minister of Energy of Belize. The Minister, on Behalf of the Government of Belize, assured the Interim Secretariat of the country’s commitment to hosting the SIDS DOCK Secretariat. It was agreed that further consultations will be held to finalize the draft text of the Host Country Agreement. Unfortunately, due to the impacts of Hurricane Earl, the process has been delayed.

The Interim Secretariat will continue it conversation with the Government of Belize through Minister Mena regarding the support to SIDS DOCK Secretariat prior to the convening of the next Executive Council meeting in November 2016.