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Report of the third session of the Assembly of the SIDS DOCK

The third session of the Assembly of SIDS DOCK was convened pursuant to Article VI (1). The meeting was held in the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Chamber at the United Nations Headquarters, New York, on 23 September 2017.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the session

1. H.E. Mr. Samuelu Laloni, Permanent Representative of Tuvalu to the United Nations, serving as acting President of the second Assembly of SIDS DOCK, called to order the third session of the Assembly of SIDS DOCK.
2. The Assembly observed a minute silence for the victims of Hurricanes Irma, Jose, and Maria, which caused significant devastation to the Caribbean region.
3. The Acting President delivered a statement on behalf of the President of the second Assembly of the SIDS DOCK, His Excellency Mr. Enele Sosene Sopoaga, OBE, Prime Minister and Minister for Public Utilities of Tuvalu, who was unable to attend this year's Assembly.
4. On behalf of the President of the second Assembly, Ambassador Laloni expressed his gratitude to Dr. Kenrick Leslie and his team at the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (5Cs), who served as the Interim Secretariat. He shared achievements concluded this past year, such as attending three meetings (Tonga, Austria, and Thailand), two in May 2017, including a Forum on renewable energy in Bangkok, and the Fifth Vienna Energy Forum (VEF), where a negotiated agreement was concluded with Austria and UNIDO, to establish a liaison office hosted by UNIDO, in Austria. He expressed gratitude to the government of Austria, who has been a loyal supporter of SIDS, and thanked UNIDO for its continued support and commitment on SIDS issues.

Agenda Item 2: Organization of work

(a) Election of Officers of the Assembly – President and Vice-Presidents

5. In accordance with Article VI (4) of the Statute of the SIDS DOCK, the Assembly elected Honourable Danny Faure, President of the Republic of Seychelles, to the post of President of the third session of the Assembly.
6. H.E. Ambassador Ronald Jumeau, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Seychelles to the United Nations, expressed his President's regrets for not being able to attend. He expressed the profound gratitude of the President and the Republic of

7. Seychelles for the confidence bestowed on him to lead the Organization as President of its second Assembly.
8. Through his statement, President Faure expressed his condolences and thoughts to the Caribbean islands devastated by the recent Hurricanes. He noted that these were important reminders of the need to strengthen work for the resilience of SIDS. President Faure and the Republic of Seychelles pledged to serve SIDS DOCK in its best ability.
9. The Assembly further elected by acclamation Her Excellency Ms. Inga Rhonda King, Permanent Representative of St. Vincent and the Grenadines to the UN, and His Excellency Mr. Mahe 'Uli'uli Sandhurst Tupouniua, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Tonga to the UN, as the Vice-Presidents of the third Assembly of SIDS DOCK, term to expire September 2018.
10. In the absence of the President of the third Assembly, and without prejudice to the future sessions, Vice President H.E. Ms. I. Rhonda King was invited to serve as Acting President of the session.

(b) Adoption of the Agenda

- 11. The Assembly adopted the Agenda of the Assembly, as contained in document A/3/1/Rev.1.**

(c) Appointment of a Credentials Committee

12. The Acting President informed the Assembly that the Secretariat has informed that Belize, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Seychelles and Tuvalu, are desirous of serving on the Credentials Committee.
13. The Acting President invited the Assembly to approve the appointment of Mrs. Tasha Cain of Belize, Mr. Sehon Marshall of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Ms. Deborah Cholmondeley of the Republic of Seychelles, and Mr. Zach Hsu of Tuvalu, to the Credentials Committee.
- 14. The Assembly approved by acclamation the appointment of the four aforementioned Members to the Credentials Committee.**

(d) Participation of observers

15. 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.

16. 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/3/2 to participate as Observers in the third session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly.
- 17. The Assembly agreed to amend document A/3/2 to duly reflect the meeting's participation, and approved the participation of the countries and organizations contained in document A/3/2/Rev.1 to participate as Observers in the third session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly.**

(e) Adoption of the report of the second session of the Assembly and Its Addendum

18. The Acting President informed that the Addendum to the Report of the second session of the Assembly, as contained in document A/2/SR/1/Add.1, reports on all follow-up activities of the Assembly post the adjournment of the second session held on 24 September 2016, which resulted in the appointment of the Secretary-General of the Organization.
19. The Acting President thanked the Assembly for its kind cooperation in the matter and also thanked the President of the second Assembly and his Vice Presidents, the Chair and members of the Executive Council and also the Chair and members of the Subcommittee on the election of the SIDS DOCK Secretary-General for their hard work and dedication.
- 20. The Assembly adopted the Report of the second Assembly of SIDS DOCK, as contained in document A/2/SR/1, and its Addendum as contained in document A/2/SR/1/Add.1, respectively.**

Agenda Item 3 - Official appointment of the SIDS DOCK Secretary-General

21. The Acting President informed that in accordance with the criteria and process for the selection of a Secretary-General (A/2/9/Rev.1), the Executive Council through its Subcommittee on the selection of a Secretary-General, submitted to the second Assembly its recommendations as set out in document EC/3/DC/1.
22. She added that the Bureau of the second Assembly on the recommendation of the Executive Council, and noting that the process was duly in keeping with the criteria and process as set out in document A/2/9/Rev.1, agreed to expedite the selection process and transmitted to the Assembly under silence procedure Decision A/2/DC/4 for its consideration and approval.
23. She invited the Assembly to refer to document A/2/SR/1/Add.1 Addendum to the Report of the second Assembly, for more details on the process.
24. In accordance with Article VI (7) of the SIDS DOCK Statute, the President of the second Assembly on 28 April 2017, communicated that since the silence procedure was not

broken that the Assembly was in agreement to appoint Dr. Albert Binger as the Secretary-General of SIDS DOCK with effect from 1 May 2017, with the objective to have this appointment officially reconfirmed at the third session of the Assembly.

25. The Assembly reconfirmed by acclamation the appointment of Dr. Albert Binger as the Secretary-General of SIDS DOCK.

26. The Acting President congratulated Dr. Binger on this appointment.

27. The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Seychelles congratulated Dr. Binger on his appointment and pledged Seychelles' full support to the Secretary-General.

28. The Representative of Jamaica congratulated Dr. Binger on his appointment and further expressed their support to Dr. Binger and SIDS DOCK.

29. Secretary General, Dr. Al Binger, expressed his sincere gratitude for the confidence and trust to lead SIDS DOCK. He emotionally reflected on the utter devastation caused by the recent hurricanes in the Caribbean, which were stark reminders of the uncertain future that lies ahead for the people of the SIDS. As ocean people dependent on environmental services for survival and prosperity, the rise in average temperature is causing and will continue to cause utter destruction, loss of multiple lives and livelihoods, and growing likelihood of large displaced populations. As the former scientific adviser for AOSIS, Dr Binger further expressed his grave concern that the average temperature across the Caribbean last month was only 1.45 degrees F above average and that the situation was to worsen.

30. He further deplored that despite the recent events, some leaders still feel that 2 degrees average increase is, "OK". He lamented that there was no accountability for the continued generation of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the planet's 70-plus Trillion-dollar economy. The recent events are another reminder that we must by all means rethink our development plans and systematically redesign our economy. This is what the work of SIDS DOCK entails.

31. With that in mind, the Executive Council has developed a work programme to contribute to the reduction of SIDS energy dependence on fuel imports, reduce of economic vulnerabilities and build climate resilience.

32. Secretary General Dr. Al Binger expressed his gratitude to SIDS DOCK's partners, especially the people and governments of Denmark, Japan, Austria and Sweden.

Agenda Item 4 - Report on the activities of the Executive Council

33. The Acting President informed that the Chair of the Executive Council, His Excellency Dr. Vince Henderson, was unable to attend as he was unavoidably delayed in Dominica,

because of Hurricane Maria. She added that he is physically fine, but his property was damaged. She extended best wishes to him on behalf of the Assembly.

34. The Acting President proposed that the Assembly close this Agenda Item, with the understanding that the report on the activities of the Executive Council will be disseminated electronically as document A/3/3, at a further date.
- 35. The Assembly agreed to the proposal of the Acting President.**

Agenda Item 5 - Report of the Interim Secretariat on the implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for the period December 2015 to December 2016

36. Secretary-General Binger provided a report on the work of the Interim Secretariat. He thanked the team from the 5C's, and his very small support team for their hard work and dedication.
37. Progress was made to contribute to decreasing reliance and dependency on fossil fuels. However, he stressed that much work is still needed.
38. The Acting President expressed gratitude for the interim secretariat and noted the willingness of the 5Cs to continue its support to SIDS DOCK.
- 39. The Assembly noted with appreciation the report of the Interim Secretariat on the implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for the period December 2015 to December 2016, as contained in document A/3/4.**

Agenda Item 6 - Election of the members of the Executive Council

(a) Election of three members for the term 2017-2019

40. The Acting President informed the Assembly that the Secretariat received three nominations for the three vacancies, which are to occur on 31 December 2017, as the terms of Office of Dr. Rhianna Neely (The Bahamas), His Excellency Dr. Vince Henderson (Dominica) and His Excellency Mr. Ronald Jumeau (Seychelles) expires.
41. The nominated candidates are as follows: Dr. Rhianna Neely (The Bahamas), His Excellency Dr. Vince Henderson (Dominica) and His Excellency Mr. Ronald Jumeau (Seychelles) for re-election to the Executive Council.
42. Noting that the individuals nominated met all the criteria as suitable candidates for re-election to the Executive Council, the Assembly elected by acclamation Dr. Rhianna Neely (The Bahamas), His Excellency Dr. Vince Henderson (Dominica) and His Excellency Mr. Ronald Jumeau (Seychelles) to the Executive Council for the term 2018-2020, beginning 1 January 2018 and expiring 31 December 2020.

43. **The Acting President, on behalf of the Assembly, congratulated the re-elected Members of the Executive Council** and thanked them for their service thus far to the Executive Council and expressed the wish that they would continue their hard work. She reiterated that they were elected to serve in their personal capacities, and therefore their active participation and commitment to the Council is highly appreciated.

Agenda Item 7 - Institutional and Administrative Matters

(a) Report of the Depositary

44. The Acting President took the opportunity to express the Assembly's gratitude to the Government of Belize for the excellent work it has been doing as Depositary to the SIDS DOCK Statute.
45. **The Assembly took note with appreciation of the report of the Depositary, as contained in document number A/3/5.**

(b) Report on Host Country Agreement

46. The Foreign Minister of Belize expressed his appreciation to participate in the meeting. He indicated that his Government was pleased to be serving in the capacity as Host Country to this first SIDS Organization, and that today's signing of the Agreement is another testimony of the Government and people of Belize's commitment to SIDS.
47. The Agreement was signed during the meeting by Honourble Wilfred Peter Elrington, LLB. CLE.SC., Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belize, and Dr. Albert Binger, Secretary-General of SIDS DOCK, on behalf of the Government of Belize and SIDS DOCK, respectively.
48. **The Assembly took note with appreciation of the report on the Host Country Agreement.**

(c) Report of the Credentials Committee

49. The Credentials Committee met Thursday, 21 September 2017, to examine and verify the Letters of Credentials submitted. During its meeting the Committee elected Ms. Tasha Cain of Belize, to serve as the Chair of the Committee.
50. The Chair of the Credentials Committee introduced the "Report of the Credentials Committee" as contained in document A/3/6. She reported that on its examination of the credentials received, the Committee determined that ten (10) Members had submitted credentials in the form required.

51. The Committee recommended that these Members be entitled to participate in the third session of the Assembly. The Chair also noted that a number of the delegations attending the session had not submitted any credentials and invited these delegations to conform to this requirement.
52. The Assembly approved the report of the Credentials Committee as contained in document A/3/6.

(d) Establishment of SIDS DOCK Liaison Offices

53. Secretary-General Binger in his presentation of the proposal of establishing a Liaison Office in Vienna, as contained in document A/3/7, indicated that there were discussions during the Fifth Energy Forum in Vienna, for a full-time presence of SIDS DOCK in Vienna, which is an international energy hub. The Government of Austria and UNIDO have generously offered to host the presence of SIDS DOCK in Vienna. This is a unique opportunity afforded to SIDS DOCK that would support the development of programmes and partnerships.
54. Secretary-General Binger in his presentation of the proposal to establish a Liaison Office in New York, as contained in document A/3/8, indicated that the presence in New York is another great opportunity to facilitate the work of the Organization noting that it is the only location where there is a majority presence of SIDS DOCK Member States and potential members, as well as access to other non-SIDS Member States at the United Nations. He added that there was still some more work to be done to finalize the New York Office, such as the establishment of the SIDS DOCK Foundation.
55. The Representative from Antigua and Barbuda conveyed his congratulations to Secretary-General Binger on his election. He indicated that while he understood the relevance to establish representation offices, he questioned the level of staffing, which seemed to be too high, including for the New York office.
56. Secretary-General Binger indicated that staffing levels in Vienna reflects technical capacity. Technical staff will be required to conduct technical work in Vienna, as well as to support other SIDS DOCK technical work to support members, which will include inter alia preparation of proposals, interventions at meeting, and identifying opportunities to develop. There is also an administrative position to support the Deputy Secretary-General who will run this Office.
57. As for New York, it is important to have an upper level staff, who would be able to conduct business at the Ambassadorial and higher level. The SIDS DOCK Foundation will provide more staff support for the Liaison Office and the two Offices will most likely share space, in order to minimize operational costs.
58. He added that the staff at the Headquarters of SIDS DOCK would be small. Each office will have less staff. Overall, he proposes SIDS DOCK would have about 9 staff in total.

59. The Representative of Mauritius congratulated the newly-elected Vice President for chairing the meeting; Seychelles on its election as President of the third session of the Assembly; Tuvalu on Presiding over the second session of the Assembly; and Dr. Binger on the assumption of his Post as Secretary-general. He requested to rectify page 4 of the report contained in Document A/3/7, as Mauritius is listed as having a Permanent Mission in Vienna and it doesn't.
- 60. The Assembly agreed with the establishment of the liaison offices in Vienna and New York as contained in documents A/3/7 (to be revised accordingly) and A/3/8, respectively.**
- 61. The Assembly further mandated the Executive Council in collaboration with the SIDS DOCK Secretariat to begin the process of setting up the aforementioned offices, and to provide the next Assembly with updates on the Offices.**

(e) SIDS DOCK Foundation

62. Secretary-General Binger introduced the Item as contained in document A/3/14, A/3/L.1 and A/3/L.2, respectively.
63. The Secretary-General indicated that SIDS are among the most indebted countries in the world. In this context, it is proposed to establish a SIDS DOCK Foundation that would be able to facilitate financial support and contribution from private entities, and mobilise resources to address climate change. This way, the contributions would be tax-deductible.
64. He added that the Foundation would have assets available in times of need to support islanders in times of distress, noting that this will be critical.
65. He continued that once the proposal is approved by the Assembly, it is his intent to commit fully to the establishment of the Foundation at the soonest possible time, and called on partners to support and contribute to an endowment fund once the Foundation is established.
- 66. The Assembly agreed with the proposals as contained in the documents A/3/14, A/3/L.1 and A/3/L.2, and requested the Secretariat to continue to pursue the matter with the relevant authorities, and report back to the fourth session of the Assembly.**

Agenda Item 8 - Work Programme

(a) Island Women Open Network (IWON) Biodiversity and Livelihoods Project

67. SIDS DOCK Project Director, Ms. Christine Neves Duncan, provided an update on IWON. She presented a Pilot Initiative for the Development of a Global Sustainable Botanical/Herbal Supplier Market from Member States, contained in document A/3/9.

68. She indicated that the project identified the following countries as potential pilot countries, namely Belize, Cook Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Mauritius, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Seychelles, Tonga and Tuvalu. She indicated that any other SIDS DOCK country desiring to join this initiative are welcomed.
69. She listed the goals as follows:
- i. **Educate, Equip and Empower (3E's)** aims to provide Island Women with the necessary agricultural skillsets and manufacturing and production experience, to help create a profitable and sustainable herbal/botanical business.
 - ii. **Training and Certification Program cGMP (current Good Manufacturing Practices)**
 - iii. **HAARP (Hazard Analysis, and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Human Food)**
 - iv. **HACCP (Hazard Analysis, and Critical Control Points)**
 - v. **ISO Certification**
 - vi. **Foster "Farm to Fork"** awareness. A term commonly used in reference to the supply chain processes from agricultural production to consumption.
70. She expressed gratitude to Her Excellency I. Ronda King of St. Vincent and the Grenadines for Chairing of the first meeting of the SIDS DOCK IWON Committee, which was held on 22 September 2017.
71. The Delegate of Jamaica congratulated the officers elected today to guide the work of the SIDS DOCK Executive Council. She welcomed the presence of the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Dominica and congratulated him on his statement delivered earlier at the UN General Assembly debate. She extended her sympathies to him and the people of Dominica on the recent devastation caused by Hurricane Maria. She congratulated the work programme of SIDS DOCK, and that of IWON. She pledged Jamaica's full support to Secretary-General Binger. She indicated that Jamaica is excited to fully engage in the activities of the Organization and remains fully committed to seeing the Organization deliver for SIDS in the area of renewable energy.
- 72. The Assembly took note of the discussion and presentation on the matter, and approved document A/3/9.**

(b) SIDS DOCK Heads of State and Government OTEC Initiative 2023

73. Secretary-General Binger introduced the programme, as contained in document A/3/10, and indicated that this would be to form partnerships with the French and Japanese governments to implement projects on ocean energy.
74. He indicated that the aim is to have an initial five (5) SIDS DOCK countries (countries must indicate their desire to participate) to participate in this initiative. The Secretariat

will then assess the 5 countries to ensure that they are suitable to collaborate with the partners to have this technology transferred to them.

75. The Representative of Mauritius congratulated the officers on their election, in particular the President of Seychelles. He informed that his country sees Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) as a favourable technology. He added that he realized it is a costly investment, which is why it has discouraged many islands from investing in it. He indicated that Mauritius expresses interest in pursuing, and sees this pilot project as one possible way of pursuing this type of project.
76. Secretary-General Binger recognized that the issue for non-support for an OTEC proposal is always based on high initial cost of the investment and the only income stream being electricity. Noting that the technology is not solely for energy, it also produces costly co-products such as desalinated water, cooling and air-conditioning, and Mari-culture, etc. He made reference to a small OTEC demonstration facility in Kumijima, Japan, on one of the most southern islands in Japan, that is fitted with Mari-culture, greenhouses cooled by the sea water and cosmetic plants that use deep desalinated ocean water. This small facility, on about 10 hectares of land, employs some 200 people, and generates about 20 percent of the island's GDP. He added that it was important to ensure when advocating for OTEC that the value of these co-products, are including in the analysis.
77. He indicated that there are a number of other products that could be developed through public-private-partnerships (PPPs) that would produce even high value products such as Lithium, Hydrogen. He concluded his presentation by indicating that collectively, we have a responsibility to move this technology to the SIDS.

(c) Waste-to-Energy Programme: Energy Services from Organic Waste

78. Secretary-General Binger presented the initiative, which could help improve coastal environment, and protect the tourism industry. He highlighted that there were many synergies that needed to be exploited, depending on the nature of the waste effluent or municipal solid waste (MSW). The conversion of waste into energy generates employment, reduces environmental pollution and avoids threats to public health and protects the coastal environment, the foundation of the tourism industry, as well as positively impacting food security.
79. **The Assembly took note of the discussion and presentation on the matter, and approved the initiative as contained in document A/3/11.**

(d) SIDS DOCK Renewable Energy Finance PlatForm (REFF): Risk Financial Facility for Projects

80. Secretary-General Binger provided a brief presentation on the initiative. He noted that SIDS are still not maximizing the opportunities and resources SIDS have in terms of renewable energy.

81. He indicated that the Platform will be built on three pillars:

- **Risk Mitigation Facility:** providing credit enhancement and risk mitigation instruments to enable bankability of renewable energy and efficiency projects;
- **Co-Financing Facility:** providing co-financing of project equity and debt to support small standalone projects and the participation of local developers;
- **Technical Assistance Facility:** providing technical assistance to address regulatory and legal bottlenecks, institutional capacity deficits and the shortage of risk capital.

82. The Platform is a public-private partnership (PPP) that will leverage international donor, multilateral and climate-focused stakeholders to crowd-in direct private investment. By helping nations to overcome financial, technological and regulatory obstacles, the Platform will play a critical role in facilitating the transition to a sustainable energy economy.

83. The Assembly took note of the discussion and presentation on the matter, and approved this Waste to Energy Programme as contained in document A/3/12.

(e) Energy-Focused Captive Insurance Multi-Window Facility for SIDS

84. Secretary-General Binger introduced the initiative, indicating that this insurance is intended to set up SIDS own insurance, noting that there will be an increase in premiums from external insurance providers as a result of the recent disasters.

85. He added that through this captive insurance, all SIDS would eventually have an opportunity to participate and be members of this insurance. It is part of the overall strategy to minimize dependence on imported petroleum and not face increasing annual premiums. SIDS DOCK will be working with consultants and partners to see how to elaborate the model.

86. He called on interested countries to indicate their interest to be part of the pilot programme.

87. The Assembly took note of presentation on the matter, and approved the initiative as contained in document A/3/13.

(f) SIDS DOCK IWON 2017 Excellency in Leadership Award

88. The Acting President indicated that before turning the attention of the Assembly to the final sub-item under this Agenda Item, she would like to recognize the service and dedication of Mr. Solomon Fifita, a stalwart and champion of SIDS issues, especially in the area of renewable energy. She indicated that the IWON has dedicated an annual award to recognize the work and contribution of outstanding persons in our community

for their unselfish contribution to our community. Mr. Fifita has worked for 32 years in the energy sector and has been a significant player in the SIDS movement to better energy practices, and has been a valued member of the SIDS DOCK establishment team.

89. The 2017 IWON Award was presented to Mr. Solomone Fifita. This is the third year this award has been given. The first award in 2015 was presented to Mrs. Marguerite St. John-Sebastian of Grenada, and the 2016 Award to His Excellency Dr. Vince Henderson of the Commonwealth of Dominica.
90. Mr. Fifita in his acceptance speech indicated that this was a humbling experience and that he was grateful to be considered and awarded this prestigious award. He added that he was honored to have worked with dedicated people in SIDS to make SIDS DOCK a reality. He dedicated his award to his wife and children and those who helped him throughout the years in his mission.
91. The Acting President congratulated Mr. Fifita on his Award and encouraged him to continue his hard work and dedication to the SIDS community, as we journey to make a difference in our Community.

(g) Interventions from the Governments of Austria and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)

92. His Excellency Alexander Marschik, Austria's Vice-Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, speaking on behalf of the Government of Austria, congratulated officials on their elections. He recognized the special challenges faced by SIDS, and expressed heartfelt condolences on the devastation caused by the recent hurricanes in the Caribbean region.
93. He stated that it is useful to make use of expertise, and welcomed the establishment of SIDS DOCK. He further welcomed the establishment of the SIDS DOCK Liaison office in Vienna. He highlighted the excellent partnership between Vienna, UNIDO, and some SIDS; he pointed to the establishment of the SIDS Energy Centers: the Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (CCREEE), 2015 in Barbados; and the Pacific Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (PCREEE) under the umbrella framework of energy security in April 2017, in Tonga.
94. He continued that the Government of Austria greatly looks forward to strengthening its relationship with SIDS DOCK, and reiterated its solidarity and support to SIDS DOCK.
95. The Acting President thanked Vice Minister Marschik for his address and through him conveyed to the Government of Austria, the Assembly's heartfelt thanks and appreciation for their continued cooperation with SIDS.
96. The Acting President then invited H.E. Mr. Ali Al Shafar, Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to IRENA, to address the Assembly.

97. Ambassador Al Shafar conveyed sympathy and condolences to affected countries due to the recent devastating storms. He stated that at the 71st session of the United Nations General Assembly his country announced the following:
- US\$30M for Caribbean SIDS of which the first 5 projects have already been announced - solar in Barbuda (redesigned following the recent hurricane); solar plant with electrical vehicle chargers in Bahamas; Dominica (will be redesigned); and St Vincent and the
 - Grenadines (solar panel). He added that his country is in touch with countries to prepare to move forward on the initiatives, and with the goal to complete one project per country before close of its fund period.
 - US\$3.5M annually for some 11 Pacific SIDS, including some joint projects in Federated States of Micronesia and Republic of Marshall Islands to name a few.
98. Ambassador Al Shafar indicated that they are also implementing projects in Seychelles and Maldives. He added that it was an honour to stand by friends, and indicated that his Government announced another US\$10M relief for reconstruction from hurricanes.
99. The Acting President thanked Ambassador Al Shafar for the briefing and through him conveyed to the Government of the United Arab Emirates, the Assembly's heartfelt thanks for their interest in SIDS and for their expressions of expanding its cooperation with SIDS, especially recognizing its role as host of IRENA.
100. The Acting President then invited the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Dominica, the Honourable Roosevelt Skerrit, to address the Assembly.
101. Prime Minister Skerrit expressed his gratitude to the Assembly for allowing him to give a brief update on his country in the aftermath of the recent destruction caused by hurricane Maria. He indicated that it was with a heavy heart that he left his country to come to New York, but thought it important to do this.
102. He lamented that over the past three years, more than 60 people have died by unimaginable climate-related events, which he stressed was mindboggling for an island with a population of only 70,000, noting that this is the unfortunate reality that SIDS have been warning about since Rio in 1992.
103. Indicating that as the Founding President of SIDS DOCK in 2015, Dominica has invested in SIDS DOCK because of the conviction that if SIDS were going to survive the only way to do so, was collectively. As recent disasters in the Caribbean has shown, islands will have to take additional responsibility to deal with the impacts of climate change, something which none of the SIDS are responsible for as their GHG emissions are less than their sequestration.

104. He further stated that the time has come for all tropical small islands to become members of SIDS DOCK. Adding that there should be no separation as “we have similar challenges and our best chance of survival is a collective voice and collective pressure”. He continued that the science reports have proven that all SIDS are at risk and that none are safe despite best efforts to prepare, as the ferocity is beyond human comprehension.
105. He noted that the SIDS DOCK Work Programme was a proactive approach to dealing with climate change and positioning SIDS to deal with the greater future challenges as global temperatures continue to increase, in response to the continued increases in GHG emissions.
106. He further noted that the SIDS DOCK Work Programme was island-focused and supported the priorities that the members and Executive Council were advancing. He highlighted the relevance of the programme for climate resilience, the establishment of the Blue Guardians Programme and significantly, the Captive Insurance Mechanism as important activities that can position SIDS to better cope with the challenges ahead. He further urged all members to take these initiatives seriously especially on the matter of insurance, because the current system of insurance for SIDS provides little investment and most of the premiums are exported. He endorsed the idea of having islands owning their own insurance mechanism, allowing premiums to be reinvested in their countries in projects that reduce dependency on importation, and provide greater return, and new resources for needed investments in building resilience.
107. He strongly endorsed and urged SIDS development partners to support SIDS DOCK’s work programme, especially the proposed SIDS DOCK Foundation – “we will be looking to you, our friends, our development partners to support the development of the Foundation and ask your help in identifying patrons who can lend legitimacy as well as help to build the endowment fund that will allow it to support our efforts at building climate resilience as well as the focal point for supporting disaster relief mobilization, so there is greater accountability for the resources that have been mobilized to assist in the recovery. The need is so great that we need to make sure every dollar mobilized finds its way to people suffering and not in large overhead and management fees.
108. He further highlighted Dominica’s progress in developing renewable energy resources and improving energy efficiency. With gratitude, he recognized the support of development partners and SIDS DOCK in that endeavor. He indicated that Dominica would shortly make significant reduction in GHG emissions with the commission of the island’s geothermal plant, indicating that part of the savings from the reduced oil imports would go towards the establishment of a climate resilience fund for the recovery from future natural disasters.
109. He made a plea to development partners who do not already support SIDS or who provide limited assistance, to give serious consideration to the plight of small islands. He urged them to disabuse their minds of the unsubstantiated reports from vested interests who continue to resist SIDS-SIDS to transform their energy so as to generate financial resources that are needed to build SIDS’ resilience to the impacts of climate

change and pursuit of sustainable development, in climate change speak, through adaptation and through mitigation. He asked them to do so in the spirit of the Samoa partnership. He recollected the SIDS DOCK Partnership Core Value Statement: “United in Implementing Project Activities,” which is something SIDS hold steadfast and true as evidenced by the new partnerships formed.

110. He expressed his gratitude to Ambassador Henderson, who could not attend the meeting of the Assembly, as he was in Dominica helping to coordinate in the aftermath, as well as dealing with his own personal losses. He further thanked the Secretary-General, the Secretariat, the Dominican Mission to the United Nations, and Dr. Kenrick Leslie, Executive Director of the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre and his staff, and asked the development partners to consider directly supporting SIDS through SIDS DOCK. In closing, he asked to keep his people and country in prayers.
111. The Assembly was then shown a slide show of video and photographs of the aftermath of the Hurricane in Dominica.
112. The Acting President thanked Prime Minister Skerrit for his presentation and reiterated the Assembly’s sympathies and solidarity with the people and Government of Dominica.
113. The Representative from Antigua and Barbuda expressed sympathies and solidarity with the Government and people of Dominica, and conveyed his Government’s thanks and appreciation to the Assembly for the outpouring of solidarity and support from their respective countries in the aftermath of the devastation in Barbuda caused by Hurricane Maria.
114. He called for a “Marshall Plan for Recovery”, as well as for the future to help for resilience against the annihilation of the islands’ future. He indicated that with the evacuation of Barbuda, Antigua saw a 3% increase in population, which is a significant pressure and burden to the small economy.
115. He called for development partners and regional organizations to improve response forces as soon as possible in aftermath of such events.

Agenda Item 9: Organization and arrangements for the fourth session of the Assembly

(a) Designation of the date

- 116. The Assembly agreed that the fourth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly will be scheduled in New York, in September 2018, on the margins of the General Debate of the seventy-third session of the United Nations General Assembly, and that the Secretariat in collaboration with the President of the Assembly would determine the exact date.**

(b) Designation of the members of the Bureau

117. States Parties were requested to forward their desire to serve on the Bureau of the fourth session of the Assembly to the SIDS DOCK Secretariat, as soon as possible and no later than 1 July 2018, in order to facilitate a smooth transition in September 2018.
118. In keeping with the principle of equitable regional rotation of the post of the Presidency among the three sub-regions, the President of the fourth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly should come from the Caribbean sub-region, and the Vice-Presidents from the AIMS and Pacific sub-regions, respectively.
119. **The Assembly hereby agreed that interested States Parties would communicate to the SIDS DOCK Secretariat no later than 1 July 2018, their desire to serve on the Bureau of the fourth session of the Assembly, and that the President of the fourth session be from the Caribbean sub-region.**

Agenda Item 10: Any Other Business

120. There were no matters to discuss under this agenda item.

Agenda Item 11: Closure of the session

121. The Acting President thanked the Assembly for allowing her to preside over the session and thanked the representatives for participating in the third session of the Assembly of SIDS DOCK.
122. She urged Members to remain committed and dedicated to securing a better, more climate resilient economy for the citizenry of SIDS.
123. She further urged members of AOSIS who have neither ratified nor acceded to the SIDS DOCK Statute to do so, as it is vitally important that SIDS speak with one voice.
124. **The Acting President concluded the third session of the Assembly of SIDS DOCK at 1:16 p.m.**



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DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session
2. Organization of work
 - a. Election of Officers - President of the Assembly and Vice-Presidents
 - b. Adoption of the agenda
 - c. Appointment of a Credentials Committee
 - d. Participation of observers
 - e. Adoption of the report of the second session of the Assembly and its Addendum
3. Official appointment of the SIDS DOCK Secretary-General
4. Report of the Chair of the Executive Council
5. Report of the Interim Secretariat on the implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for the period December 2015 to December 2016
6. Election of three members to the Executive Council for the term 2018-2020
7. Institutional and Administrative Matters
 - a. Report of the Depositary
 - b. Report on Host Country Agreement
 - c. Report of the Credentials Committee
 - d. Establishment of SIDS DOCK Liaison Offices in Vienna and New York
 - e. SIDS DOCK Foundation
8. Work Programme
 - a. Island Women Open Network (IWON) Botanical & Herbal Raw Material Supplier Market Initiative
 - b. Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC)
 - c. Waste to Energy (WtE)
 - d. SIDS DOCK Renewable Energy Finance PlatForm (REFF): Risk Financial Facility for Projects
 - e. Energy-focused Captive Insurance Multi-Window Facility for SIDS

- f. Brief remarks by the Government of Austria and United Arab Emirates, respectively
- 9. Organization and arrangements for the fourth session of the Assembly
 - a. Designation of the date
 - b. Designation of the members of the Bureau
- 10. Any Other Business
- 11. Closure of the session



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List of participants

COUNTRY	PARTICIPANT'S NAME	DEPARTMENT/INSTITUTION	POSITION/TITLE
Antigua and Barbuda	Hon. H. Charles Fernandez	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Immigration	Minister
	H.E. Mr. Walton Webson	Permanent Mission to the United Nations	Ambassador Permanent Representative
	H.E. Mr. Conrad Hunte	Permanent Mission to the United Nations	Ambassador to IRENA
Bahamas	Ms. Tishka Fraser-Francis	Permanent Mission to the United Nations	Deputy Permanent Representative
	Ms. Deandra Cartwright	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Foreign Service Officer
Barbados	Ms. Keereta Whyte	Permanent Mission to the United Nations	First Secretary
Belize	Hon. Wilfred P. Elrington	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Minister
	H.E. Mr. Patrick Andrews	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Chief Executive Officer
	Ms. Ayesha Borland	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Director of International Affairs
	Mrs. Tasha Young-Cain	Permanent Mission to the United Nations	First Secretary

COUNTRY	PARTICIPANT'S NAME	DEPARTMENT/INSTITUTION	POSITION/TITLE
Dominica	Dr. the Hon. Roosevelt Skerrit	Prime Minister	Prime Minister
	H.E. Mrs. Loreen Bannis Roberts	Permanent Mission to the United Nations	Ambassador Permanent Representative
	H.E. Mrs. Barbara Dailey	Permanent Mission to the United Nations	Deputy Permanent Representative
	Mr. Julien LeBlanc	Permanent Mission to the United Nations	Alternate Representative
	Ms. Keisha Lewis	Permanent Mission to the United Nations	Alternate Representative
Jamaica	Senator the Hon. Kamina Johnson Smith	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Minister
	H.E. Mr. E. Courtenay Rattray	Permanent Mission to the United Nations	Ambassador Permanent Representative
	H.E. Ms. Sheila Sealey Monteith	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Under-Secretary, Multilateral Affairs Division
	Mrs. Nicola Barker-Murphy	Permanent Mission to the United Nations	Counsellor
Mauritius	H.E. Mr. Jagdish Koonjul	Permanent Mission to the United Nations	Ambassador Permanent Representative
	Mr. Mohammed Naguib Soomauroo	Permanent Mission to the United Nations	Minister Counsellor
	Ms. Nundini Pertaub	Permanent Mission to the United Nations	Minister Counsellor
	Ms. Sheikha Bundhoo	Prime Minister's Office	Senior Information Officer
	Mr. Vishal Anand Lunchoomun	Permanent Mission to the United Nations	Second Secretary
	Mr. Rishy Bukoree	Permanent Mission to the United Nations	Second Secretary
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	H.E. Ms. I. Rhonda King	Permanent Mission to the United Nations	Ambassador Permanent Representative

Seychelles	H.E. Mr. Ronald Jumeau	Permanent Mission to the United Nations	Ambassador Permanent Representative
	H.E. Ms. Beryl Samson	Permanent Mission to the United Nations	Deputy Permanent Representative
	Ms. Jeanette Larue	Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change	Coordinator, Environmental Education
Tuvalu	H.E. Samuelu Laloni	Permanent Mission to the United Nations	Ambassador Permanent Representative
	Mr. Zack Hsu	Permanent Mission to the United Nations	Second Secretary



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List of Observers to the third session of the Assembly

SIDS DOCK Signatories

1. Cabo Verde
2. Fiji

AOSIS Members Non-Signatories

1. Cuba
2. Maldives
3. Suriname

UN Member States: Non-AOSIS Members

1. Austria
2. Canada
3. Denmark
4. Norway
5. United Arab Emirates

Others

1. American Renewable Energy Institute
2. Camco
3. Caribbean Community (CARICOM)
4. Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (5Cs)
5. Clinton Climate Initiative
6. Commonwealth Secretariat
7. Earth Council
8. ESRI
9. Global Mana
10. Green Climate Fund (GCF)
11. GRID-Arendal
12. IRENA
13. Law Office of R.F. Van Lierop
14. Ministry of Science & Innovation/CIEMAT, Government of Spain
15. Pacific Centre for Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency (PCREEE)
16. Rivkin Radler LLP (USA)



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Report on the Activities of the Executive Council for the Period September 2016 – August 2017

INTRODUCTION

1. This report is submitted pursuant to Article VIII, paragraph 2, of the SIDS DOCK Statute. It provides an account of the progress made in the development of the Work Programme, the operationalization of the Organization, including the preparation of the pertinent operational documents and arrangements.
2. The SIDS DOCK Executive Council is responsible for overall policy and direction and for providing oversight and advice for the development of the institution. The Executive Council delegates responsibility for day-to-day operations to the Secretary-General and committees. States Parties of the SIDS DOCK, who have either ratified or acceded, will be invited to nominate members for the Executive Committee. Nominations shall be submitted through the State Party's United Nations Permanent Mission or other relevant Government Authority, where applicable (for Countries not having UN Permanent Missions).
3. Election and membership on the Executive Council shall reflect a range of professional expertise with individuals having multiple years of experience, and must have gender balance and equitable regional representation with no fewer than one (1) member from each regional group as established by UN-DESA (AIMS, Caribbean and Pacific). In addition, no two (2) members may be nationals of the same State.
4. The election of members of the Executive Council takes place annually during the Assembly. The first election of Members to the Executive Council was held during the inaugural session of the Assembly of SIDS DOCK, in Paris, France, in the margin of the UNFCCC COP 21, on 10 December 2015. Terms of Members of the Council will begin on 1 January and expire on 31 December. The following is a list of current and past members:

Name of Member	Country	Term of Office
Dr. Rhianna Neely-Murphy [Rapporteur]	Bahamas	2015 – 2017
Dr. Kenrick Leslie	Belize	2015 – 2018
H. E. Dr. Vince Henderson [Chair]	Dominica	2015 – 2017
Mr. Fitzroy James	Grenada	2015 – 2016; 2017 - 2019
H.E. Mr. Jagdish Dharamchand Koonjul	Mauritius	2017 – 2019
Mr. Sylvester Clauzel	Saint Lucia	2015 - 2016
Mr. Ellsworth Dacon	Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	2015 - 2016
Mr. Sione Foliaki [Vice Chair]	Samoa	2015 – 2018
H. E. Mr. Ronny Jumeau [Vice Chair]	Seychelles	2015 – 2017; 2017 - 2019
H.E. Mr. Aunese Makoi Simati	Tuvalu	2017 – 2019
Dr. Tevita Tukunga	Tonga	2015 – 2-18

5. The Executive Council held two meetings:

(a) 30 November 2016, remotely, via Telephone Conferencing (GoToMeeting)
[Document EC/3/SR/1]

(b) 24 July 2017, Commonwealth Joint Offices, 685 Third Avenue, 11th Floor, New York, New York 10017, United States of America [Document EC/4/SR/1]

II THIRD MEETING OF THE SIDS DOCK EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

6. The third meeting of the Executive Council was held via Telephone Conferencing on 30 November 2016. Participating in the Meeting were H.E. Dr. Vince Henderson (Dominica - Chair), Dr. Kenrick Leslie (Belize), Mr. Fitzroy James (Grenada), Mr. Sione Foliaki (Samoa), Mr. Ellsworth Dacon (St. Vincent & the Grenadines), H.E. Mr. Ronald Jumeau (Seychelles) and Dr. Tevita Tukunga (Tonga).

7. The third meeting of the Executive Council had to be prematurely adjourned during the third item for discussion due to connectivity issues. [See Document EC/3/SR/1]

III FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE SIDS DOCK EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

8. On the recommendation of the Chair and Bureau, the Executive Council decided through silence procedure to: 1) mandate the Interim Secretariat to continue its work on the matters contained under Agenda Item 4 of the Agenda of the third Meeting of the Executive Council (EC/3/1); and 2) for the Committee for the Selection of a Secretary-General to continue its process and conclude its work as soon as possible, and report back to the Executive Council. [See Document EC/3/SR/1/Add.1]
9. The Executive Council approved and agreed to the sending of a letter to the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations concerning the funds for the SIDS DOCK being administered through the World Bank, as it was a contribution by the Government of Japan to the SIDS DOCK.
10. On 31 December 2016, the Bureau of the Executive Council disseminated the Report of the Committee for the selection of the Secretary-General, as contained in document EC/3/CR/1, and through silence procedure requested the Council to approve the Committee's Report and its recommendations.
11. On 12 January 2017, the Executive Council, on the recommendation of the Committee for the selection of the Secretary-General agreed to transmit Decision EC/3/DC/1 to the President of the second Assembly of SIDS DOCK.
12. On 13 January 2017, the Chair of the Executive Council transmitted Decision EC/3/DC/1 to the President of the second Assembly of SIDS DOCK [EC/2017/1] regarding the selection of a Secretary-general to the SIDS DOCK.

IV FOURTH MEETING OF THE SIDS DOCK EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

13. The Executive Council held its fourth Meeting in New York at the Commonwealth Joint Offices on 24 July 2017. The meeting was attended by the following Members - H.E. Dr. Vince Henderson (Dominica - Chair), Dr. Rhianna Neeley-Murphy (Bahamas), Dr. Kenrick Leslie (Belize) and Mr. Fitzroy James (Grenada); and two alternates - Mr. Rishy Bukoree (Mauritius/Observer) and Dr. Tevita Tukunga (Tonga).
14. In accordance with Article VII, paragraph 3, of the SIDS DOCK Statute, the Council re-elected by acclamation Ambassador Vince Henderson (Dominica) as Chair, Ambassador Ronald Jumeau (Seychelles) and Mr. Sione Foliaki (Samoa) as Vice Chairs, and Dr. Rhianna M. Neely-Murphy (Bahamas) as Rapporteur. The Bureau will serve for a one-year term, which will end on 23 July 2018, and would not be illegible to serve another consecutive term thereafter.

15. The Council took note, approved and requested that the following proposals be forwarded to the third session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly for its consideration and approval:
- (a) The Report of the Interim Secretariat on the implementation of the Work Programme and Budget for the period December 2015 to December 2016, as contained in document EC/4/2.
 - (b) SIDS DOCK not-for-profit Status USA, as contained in Document EC/4/CRP/1 – This status will afford the Organization through its Foundation to solicit finances and raise funds in the USA.
 - (c) Establishment of Liaison Offices in Vienna and New York, as contained in Documents EC/4/CRP/2 and EC/4/CRP/3, respectively. The Vienna Office will be hosted and funded by the Austrian Government and will be housed at the UNIDO facility. It will afford SIDS an opportunity to be present and participate in activities at this renewable energy hub. On the other hand, the New York Office will serve a crucial role of coordinating with the SIDS DOCK UN Member States, Other Member States of the UN, Development Partners, and the UN Entities and Secretariat. In addition to supporting the Permanent Mission of the President of the SIDS DOCK Assembly, and support public outreach and resource mobilization.
 - (d) Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) proposal highlights how ocean-based energy technologies can propel SIDS to the development of a low carbon economy, with emphasis on generating sustainable blue-green gender-equality employment to replace those that will be lost due to the negative impacts of climate change. The proposal is to have at least five (5) interested SIDS to participate and to source funding through the Green Climate Fund (GCF) for this SIDS DOCK initiative, as outlined in Document EC/4/CRP/4.
 - (e) Waste-to-Energy (WtE) proposal is promoting energy services from organic waste: integrated waste management solutions for coastal, marine and freshwater protection in SIDS as contained in document EC/4/3. It was noted that among SIDS there are varying degrees of coastal areas being contaminated by poor waste management practices from sewage plants, breweries and distilleries, agro-processors, and intensive livestock production, run-off from agriculture.
 - (f) Proposal for the engaging of an expert in the area of climate change and natural disaster risk management with in depth knowledge of the SIDS energy sector to begin preparation of the funding proposal to provide seed funding to get the activity on the way for the SIDS DOCK Captive Insurance [Document EC/4/CRP/5]

V ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Chair of the Executive Committee chaired a side event as part of the UN Ocean Conference, held in June 2017, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The side event focused on the challenges facing Small Island Developing States in managing the varied sources of high effluent liquid waste for sources such as (sewage treatment facilities, breweries, abattoirs, and

distilleries, and agro-processors. These liquid wastes contain high concentration of nutrients including phosphorus, which adversely impact coastal environmental quality and degradation of coral reefs. Presentations from SIDS scientists highlighted unique technology that were developed to address removal of nutrient from waste and the use for the production of energy, and fertilizers, that provide local employment and a economic options for waste management. The Side event was co-Sponsored by SIDS DOCK, the Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (CCREEE) and UNIDO.

The Executive Council Chair worked with the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to finalize a USD 50 Million grant to the Caribbean SIDS, following up on an earlier grant of similar amount for the Pacific SIDS, to support renewable energy projects.

The Chair is a member of the CCREEE which was established under an MOU with UNIDO for establishing regional sustainable energy Centers in the Caribbean and Pacific.

Geothermal development support from the World Bank –The Chair negotiated funding for the development of the first geothermal commercial facility to be developed in the Eastern Caribbean states.

VI NEXT STEPS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1. Preparation and finalizing of the list of documents for the third Assembly of SIDS DOCK scheduled to be held in New York, on 23 September 2017.
2. Begin the process of getting the SIDS DOCK accredited to the United Nations General Assembly and other major entities of the UN.
3. Preparations to establishing the Headquarters and Liaison Offices:
 - (a) Staff Regulations and Rules
 - (b) Financial Procedure for the SIDS DOCK
 - (c) External Audit
 - (d) Policy on ethics and conflict of interest
 - (e) Agreement on Privileges and Immunities



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Report of Belize as Depositary of the Statute Establishing the Small Island

Developing States Dock (SIDS DOCK)

15th September 2017, New York, The SIDS DOCK Statute

1. The instrument establishing the Small Island Developing States DOCK, (SIDS DOCK Statute) was opened for signature at the Third International Conference on Small Island States in Apia, Samoa from 1st to 5th September 2014. It remained open for signature at the Permanent Mission of Belize to the United Nations in New York acting on behalf of the Government of Belize as Depositary of the Statute until its entry into force.
2. The SIDS DOCK entered into force on 27th September 2015 being the thirtieth day after the date of deposit of the ninth instrument of ratification.
3. Accordingly, on 29th September 2015, Belize submitted the SIDS DOCK Statute to the United Nations Treaty Section in New York for registration pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations. A certificate confirming registration as of 1 February 2016 was issued on 3 June 2016 and is attached hereto as Annex 1.
4. The SIDS DOCK Statute remains open for ratification or accession at the Permanent Mission of Belize to the United Nations in New York. The Statute currently has 20 signatories and a total of 16 state parties. A table of the status of the Statute is attached hereto as Annex 2.

ANNEX 1

No. 66672

Certificate of registration

The Secretary-General of the United Nations

hereby certifies that the following international agreement has been registered with the Secretariat, in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations:

No. 53471. **Multilateral**

Statute establishing the Small Island Developing States Dock (SIDS DOCK). New York, 9 July 2014

Registration with the Secretariat of the United Nations:
Belize, 1 February 2016

Done at New York on 3 June 2016

For the Secretary-General

Certificat d'enregistrement

Le Secrétaire général de l'Organisation des Nations Unies

certifie par la présente que l'accord international indiqué ci-après a été enregistré au Secrétariat, conformément à l'Article 102 de la Charte des Nations Unies :

No. 53471. **Multilatéral**

Statut portant établissement de la Station d'accueil de l'initiative des petits États insulaires en développement (SIDS DOCK). New York, 9 juillet 2014

Enregistrement auprès du Secrétariat des Nations Unies :
Belize, 1^{er} février 2016

Fait à New York le 3 juin 2016

Pour le Secrétaire général



ANNEX 2

Statute of the Establishment of Small Island Developing States Dock (SIDS DOCK)

Entry into force: 27 September 2015, in accordance with Article XIX
 Registration: United Nations 1 February 2016
 Status: Signatories 20; Parties 16
 Text: Permanent Mission of Belize to the United Nations
 Note: The Instrument was opened for signature on 1 September 2014

	PARTICIPANT	SIGNATURE	Ratification(R) , Accession (a), Acceptance (A), Approval (AA), Succession (d)
1	Antigua and Barbuda		07 June 2016 a
2	Bahamas (Commonwealth of the)	1 September 2014	24 September 2015 R
3	Barbados	1 September 2014	06 July 2015 R
4	Belize	1 September 2014	31 March 2015 R
5	Cabo Verde	1 September 2014	
6	Cook Islands	1 September 2014	27 April 2015 R
7	Dominica (Commonwealth of)	4 September 2014	16 September 2014 R
8	Dominica Republic	1 September 2014	
9	Fiji (Republic of)	1 September 2014	
10	Grenada	1 September 2014	17 August 2015 R
11	Guinea Bissau	1 September 2014	
12	Jamaica		10 February 2017 a
13	Kiribati	1 September 2014	
14	Mauritius		07 March 2016 a

	PARTICIPANT	SIGNATURE	Ratification(R) , Accession (a), Acceptance (A), Approval (AA), Succession (d)
15	Micronesia (Federated States of)	4 September 2014	
16	Nauru (Republic of)	3 September 2014	
17	Niue	1 September 2014	
18	Palau (Republic of)	1 September 2014	
19	Saint Kitts and Nevis	1 September 2014	28 August 2015 R
20	Saint Lucia		02 October 2015 a
21	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	1 September 2014	25 September 2014 R
22	Samoa (Independent State of)	1 September 2014	13 August 2015 R
23	Seychelles (Republic of)	1 September 2014	25 September 2015 R
24	Tonga (Kingdom of)		15 December 2015 a
25	Tuvalu	1 September 2014	1 September 2014 R



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Report of the Credentials Committee

1. In accordance with Rule 25 of the draft Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, the Assembly appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following four members:
 - Belize - Mrs. Tasha Cain
 - Saint Vincent and the Grenadines – Mr. Sehon Marshall
 - Seychelles - Ms. Deborah Cholmondeley
 - Tuvalu - Mr. Zach Hsu
2. The Credentials Committee met on Friday, 22 September 2017 and elected Mrs. Tasha Cain of Belize as Chairperson.
3. The Committee examined the credentials submitted to the SIDS DOCK Secretariat in accordance with Rule 24 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly in respect of the representatives attending the third session of the Assembly. The Credentials Committee had before it the information provided by the Interim Secretariat on the status of the credentials received as of that date.
4. The Committee determined that, as of 22 September 2017, the Members listed below had submitted credentials in the form required by Rule 24 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly. Those delegations that did not submit credentials but are represented by the competent authority were deemed to conform to the requirement.

The Committee recommends to the Assembly that the following Members are entitled to participate in its third session:

1. Antigua and Barbuda
2. The Bahamas
3. Barbados
4. Belize
5. Dominica
6. Jamaica
7. Mauritius
8. St. Vincent and the Grenadines
9. Seychelles
10. Tuvalu

5. The Credentials Committee noted that a number of delegations attending the third session of the Assembly had not submitted any credentials. The Committee recalled the importance of submitting credentials in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and called on delegations to conform to this requirement at forthcoming sessions of the Assembly.
6. The Committee authorised the Chair to update its report orally when presenting it to the Assembly so as to reflect any additional credentials received by the Secretariat subsequent to the meeting of the Credentials Committee.