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**Decision on the**

**SIDS DOCK Blue Guardians Green Climate Fund (GCF) Proposal:**

**Partnering for Development of Climate-Resilient Blue Economies**

**and Protecting the Oceans**

*The Assembly,*

*Recalling* Article II of the Statute on the objectives of the Organization;

*Reaffirming* the commitment to build national capacities and facilitate opportunities for SIDS in the areas of renewable energy and climate-resilient development;

*Noting* with grave concern that the people of SIDS will be among the first and most adversely affected by climate change and sea level rise, as, among many other concerns, they are the most dependent on environmental services for their livelihoods;

*Stressing* the urgency to develop effective climate change adaptation and mitigation programs that will support resilient ecosystems and foster climate-resilient development of coastal communities;

*Further stressing* the importance of understanding the impacts of a changing climate which is critical for climate adaptation and building resilience of SIDS;

*Recognizing* the need to help SIDS whose coastal communities are already being adversely affected by climate change and sea level rise to effectively address and manage the impacts of a changing climate on coastal communities and the development of blue-green economies;

*Further recognizing* the need to build national capacity to allow vulnerable SIDS communities to implement nature-based climate mitigation and adaptation activities that derive sustainable benefits from coastal and marine ecosystems;

*Welcoming* the initiative to establish a SIDS Blue Guardians Programme, “The Programme,” and taking note of the SIDS DOCK Blue Guardians Programme as contained in document number A/4/10;

*Recognizing* that “The Programme” integrates the mandates of the S.A.M.O.A. Pathway, the Sustainable Development Agenda, particularly Goal 14, as well as those of the UNFCCC Paris Agreement;

*Acting within its authority, decides to:*

1. Adopt the SIDS Blue Guardians Programme, as contained in Document number A/4/10, and to accept the Executive Council’s recommendation to reopen the proposal to include Barbados and Grenada in the list of pilot countries;
2. Mandate the Secretariat to make the appropriate changes to the proposal to add these members and to reissue the document as A/4/10/Rev.1, and;
3. Further mandates the Secretariat to begin the process of implementation of “The Programme” in close consultation with the Executive Council, and to update the Assembly at its fifth session.