First Assembly of SIDS DOCK

Paris, France

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Agenda Item: 4

**Report of the Depositary**

**of the Statute Establishing the Small Island Developing States Dock [SIDS DOCK]**

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. After that, the SIDS DOCK Statute 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.
2. Twenty-one SIDS countries have signed the SIDS DOCK Statute so far. Of those twenty-one countries, by 2nd October 2015 twelve had either ratified or acceded to the Statute.
3. By Article XIX .1 of the SIDS DOCK Statute, it enters into force “on the thirtieth day after the date of deposit of the ninth instrument of ratification or accession by a State with the Depositary.”
4. The threshold of the ninth instrument of ratification or accession was reached on 28th August 2015. The thirtieth day after that was the 27th September 2015.

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1. Accordingly, on 29th September 2015, Belize deposited the SIDS DOCK Statute with the United Nations Treaty Section in New York.
2. On 18th November 2015, the UN Treaty Section informed that their office was at that time registering applications from the month of August 2015 and would start registering applications received in September in or about December 2015.
3. The SIDS DOCK Statute remains open for ratification or accession at the Permanent Mission of Belize to the UN in New York.