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Topic: Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

1 *The General Assembly Plenary,*

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3 *Recognizing* the urgency and need to address climate change and provide sustainable development methods for
4 both,

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6 *Emphasizing* the need to raise awareness and provide resources with regards to sustainable development, primarily
7 that of climate change, to fellow Member States,

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9 *Reaffirming* the United Nations' commitment to implementing the Sustainable Development Goals from the 2030
10 agenda,

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12 *Recommending* Member States to continue educating the youth about the dangers of climate change and the need to
13 reach sustainable development goals for the benefit of all States,

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15 *Deeply conscious* about the need to respect and preserve resources and habitats of all Member States from climate
16 change and tourism,

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18 *Further recommending* Small Island Developing States (SIDS) to work with Member States, NGOs, and the UN to
19 help construct stronger and better infrastructure that can withstand natural disasters caused by climate change within
20 SIDS,

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22 *Noting the need* for infrastructure development in order to advance with providing SIDS with methods renewable
23 energy,

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25 *Providing* SIDS a platform and voice, primarily with regards to the issue of sustainable development as they are
26 largely affected by issues such as climate change,

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28 *Reiterating* our commitment towards the Paris Climate Accord and recognizing along with combating climate
29 change,

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31 1. *Invites* Member States for the convening of an international developmental conference under the authority of
32 the United Nations and United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries
33 (UN-OHRLLS) to:

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35 a. Bring awareness of new economic development opportunities and policies for SIDS;
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37 b. Increase collaboration between SIDS and nations with technological capabilities to support access
38 to renewable energy and new economic opportunities for SIDS;
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40 c. Offer technical workshops to SIDS and other member states for renewable energy, reduction of
41 use of plastics, and sustainable tourism;

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43 2. *Supports* the preservation of land and habitat in SIDS in terms of flora, fauna, and ecosystems, in order to
44 mitigate the effects of extinction and preserve local habitats through and by:

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46 a. Reducing tourism dependency by SIDS through Member State commitments to economic
47 development and diversity and resource and ideas offered by the United Nations Office of the
48 High Representative for the Least Developed Countries;

- 50 b. Using the resources and ideas offered by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered
51 Species of Wild Flora & Fauna (CITES);
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53 c. Continuing to highlight, work towards, and achieve SDG 15, through target 15.7 and indicator
54 15.7.1 by 2030;
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56 3. *Encourages* the expansion of UN offices and programmes to address economic development and diversification
57 for SIDS including:
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59 a. Increasing access to sustainable financing by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs
60 to support economic, social, and environmental goals;
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62 b. Building more crisis ready and climate change resistant infrastructure by the United Nations
63 Development Programme;
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65 c. Greater funding by the Food and Agriculture Organization and UN Environment Programme for
66 sustainable agriculture and local economy development for SIDS;
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68 4. *Recommends* Member States to conduct trade with SIDS through the World Trade Organization in order to:
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70 a. Assist SIDS with their economic development;
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72 b. Provide SIDS with the needed funding to protect themselves from the natural issues caused by
73 climate change;
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75 5. *Collaborates* with Member States to work with NGOs, the UN, and fellow Member States to help construct
76 climate change and natural disaster resistant infrastructure and renewable energy within SIDS as:
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78 a. Economically, it is logical to build strong infrastructure that can withstand increasingly common
79 natural disasters;
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81 b. SIDS often struggle to construct better infrastructure due to a lack of funding, access to
82 technology;
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84 c. The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) will continue to help cities and
85 nations with developing risk resilient infrastructure;
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87 6. *Urges* Member States to continue the reduction and eventual end of the funding of coal to whatever ability the
88 Member State is capable, bearing in mind the ultimate goal in achieving their SDGs;
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90 7. *Promotes* the incorporation of sustainability in national development policy, for example the adoption of policy
91 regarding the reduction, and eventual elimination, of single use plastics and straws by 2050, as highlighted in
92 SDG 12.