

Proposed Statement of AOSIS on Section C – 8 Feb

Maldives has the honour to speak on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States, a coalition of 44 small island and low-lying coastal nations that are highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

Mr Co-Chairs,

In AOSIS's view, Section C needs to be made far more concise. There are multiple duplications of issues, both within this section, and between this section and others.

In our view it is important also to clearly reaffirm the principles and provisions of the Convention, without cherry picking.

The text lacks a clear recognition of the particular vulnerabilities and special circumstances of LDCs and SIDS.

We need a clear reference to the science and to the imperative to achieve a limitation of temperature increases to well below 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels.

We need to make clear our expectation of high ambition from all Parties in carrying out their commitments as a framing concept.

We need a clear reference to the principle of state responsibility – a paragraph between 2 and 3, that recalls that States have the responsibility to ensure that activities within their own jurisdiction and control do not cause damage to the environment of other States or of areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction.

And finally we need a clear articulation of the relationship between mitigation efforts, adaptation needs and appropriate responses for loss and damage.

I thank you Mr. Co-Chairs.