



**Statement by the Republic of Maldives on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States
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Means of Implementation

Co-facilitators,

1. I am delivering comments today on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS). We align ourselves with the statement delivered by the Permanent Representative of South Africa, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.
2. In considering revision of the goals and targets, I would firstly like to reiterate AOSIS' consistent position to not renegotiate, or in any way reopen the goals and targets. However, considering that revisions have been made, AOSIS has tried to look at the revisions constructively and in a spirit of cooperation. In line with our position last week on the subject, we would like to again state for the record that while we are open to revisions that are technical in nature, AOSIS will not support any revisions that are substantive, which would in any way change the nature or purpose of the targets.
3. AOSIS does not see the replacement of X with another descriptor as a mere stylistic change as it seems to be understood in the room. In statistics, the placement of an X denotes an unknown. In this case, the unknown was the baseline off of which are working on. By merely replacing X with something else, we do not address this lack of baselines: the problem does not go away, unless we say something to address them in this Chapter. We would therefore like to suggest the following language to be added to this Chapter, and if you see fit, even in the Chapter on Follow-up and Review.

“We recognize that baseline data for several of the targets remain unavailable, and we call for increased support for strengthening data collection and capacity building in Member States, to develop national and global baseline where they do not yet exist. We commit to support to resolve the gap, and better inform the measurement of progress, in particular for those targets which do not have clear numerical targets”.

4. We would be flexible with considering replacing Xs with “substantially” if this is complemented by this proposed language, as a package. In this regard, we would like to emphasize that we are working off of the original formulation of the targets and looking at the change in X only.

5. Apart from the X targets, we are unfortunately not able to support the revisions to Goals 1.5, 3.2, 3.6, 6.6, 8.7, 12.4, 15.1, 15.3, 15.5, and 17.2.
6. On Goal 14c, we believe this revision to be technical rather than substantive. And therefore we would like to support your revision.

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7. Throughout this process of tweaking the targets, we have maintained that we do not want this exercise to expand to more targets as we see this as setting a dangerous precedent. For us, as you have pointed out, we see this Agenda as a collective reaffirmation of all commitments made under all Programmes, and processes. The SAMOA Pathway is reaffirmed in paragraph 12. The commitments made under the SAMOA Pathway are reaffirmed under paragraph 65. And we are comfortably reassured in this reaffirmation that the targets under this Agenda does so, without prejudice to all these other commitments. And this is why SIDS have been very restrained, very focused on specific improvements.
8. We are open to the recognition of any special consideration afforded to countries in special situations. And if the additional targets proposed for tweaking with the addition of LLDCs are to be accepted, in line with commitments made to SIDS we would like SIDS to be added to target 1a, 9c and 13b.
9. On 13b, we would also like to remind the Co-Facilitators that at the end of the Open Working Group, it was agreed that SIDS would be added to 13b. We note that we are at the end and this agreement has not been honoured.
10. We are still considering the rest of your proposed revisions.

Thank you.