

AOSIS SBI Statement
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1. Thank you very much Chair. The Maldives speaks on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States, a group of 44 countries small island and coastal countries that are highly vulnerable to climate change. We look forward to working with you and I assure you of our support, moving forward. In the interest of expediency, I will quickly list our priorities for this session, on our way to Marrakesh.
2. First, AOSIS welcomes the initiation of SBI consideration of the Third Review of the Adaptation Fund. The Fund has continued to serve as a role model through its innovative mechanisms, such as direct access and flexibility in accreditation. We believe that the outcomes of this Review will provide important lessons to and enhance the effectiveness of the Green Climate Fund and other institutions serving the Financial Mechanism of the Paris Agreement.
3. We applaud the inclusion of the 1.5 degree temperature goal in the agreement and the next step is to build coherence in ambition cycle, which includes the facilitative dialogue in 2018; the review of global goal; and global stocktake. The IPCC special report on 1.5oC should also be completed in sufficient time in 2018 to inform this process. The IPCC deserves much credit for taking on this important task.
4. SBI needs to begin consideration at this session of the inputs, modalities and desired outputs of the 2018 facilitative dialogue, including the need for an updated UNFCCC synthesis report on the aggregated effects of INDCs/NDCs, the modalities for considering the IPCC 1.5 Special Report and other relevant issues.
5. We also need to create space on the agenda to discuss the inputs and modalities for the facilitative dialogue in Marrakech to assess progress towards meeting pre-2020 commitments. Rapid ratification of the Doha Amendments and scaling up climate finance to \$100 billion are essential, both for meeting our climate objectives and for maintaining the integrity of this process. We also call attention to the importance of the Technical Examination Process on Mitigation in scaling up near-term ambition.
6. With respect to agenda item 5 – registry of nationally determined contributions, we look forward to discussions on how to make this tool as useful as possible for all stakeholders in understanding Parties' NDCs.
7. With respect to agenda item 6 – on matters relating to the mechanisms under the Kyoto Protocol - we feel that these issues must now be seen in the context of the Paris Agreement as a whole, in which all Parties will have nationally-determined contributions. As a group, AOSIS has long said that with the persistent gap in mitigation ambition, our Kyoto mechanisms need to be designed to deliver substantial emission reductions that the atmosphere sees. We have also emphasized the need to ensure environmental integrity,

and ensure the avoidance of doublecounting, as well as the need to operate in a system of robust accounting. We look forward to building, now, on the ideas exchanged in our Kyoto discussions to date, in the broader context of the Paris Agreement.

8. Finally, AOSIS welcomes the decisions in the Paris Agreement on Capacity-building and looks forward to working with the Subsidiary Body for Implementation for their full operationalization. We stand ready to help the Paris Committee on Capacity-building to establish a body to ensure adequate and effective participation in all aspects of this multilateral process.

9. Finally, Article 8 on loss and damage is one of the Paris Agreement's great achievements and reflects the international community's growing understanding of the issue. We look forward to working with all Parties, to ensure that current work on loss and damage under the Convention is as effective as possible. We have the opportunity, now, to review our work on loss and damage and lay the groundwork for enhancing and strengthening the Warsaw International Mechanism (WIM) to ensure that it is fit for purpose. The 2016 review of the WIM provides a unique opportunity for Parties to better equip the WIM to implement its agreed functions. To give us ample time to take advantage of this important moment, AOSIS is proposing that we commence work on the review of the WIM at this session that will lay the foundation prior to COP 22. We trust that all Parties will continue to demonstrate commitment to addressing loss and damage by agreeing to begin our work on loss and damage here, at this SB session.