

SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES STATEMENT

The Global Civil Society Forum invites Governments and all stakeholders to recognize the vulnerabilities of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and to promote and support the Barbados Programme of Action and the Mauritius Strategy for the further implementation of the Sustainable development for small island developing states (MSI).

Recognize the adoption of Resolution 61/196 calling for Governments to mainstream properly the MSI into the work of UNEP.

Also recalls decision 23/5 of the GC/GMEF which called on the secretariat to ensure that activities the UNEP undertakes in relation to SIDS contribute to the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy.

Further that all stakeholders recognize and support decision 24/6 of the GC/GMEF which speaks to strengthening activities related to SIDS on a tailored and regional basis.

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