



18 January 2024

Subject: Zero Draft Outcome Document: Fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS4) and revised provisional programme for the first session of the Preparatory Committee

Excellency,

We have the honour to address you in our capacity as Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee of the Fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States.

Reference is made to the letter of the Co-Chairs dated 19 December 2023 regarding the invitation to the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the Fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS4) scheduled for 22-26 January 2024 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

In this regard, we are pleased to circulate the zero draft of the outcome document for the Fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States. We wish to express our sincere thanks to AOSIS for their work on the draft.

Recognising that delegations will require time to consider the zero draft, we wish to advise of a change to the proposed programme of work of the first session of the Preparatory Committee. Informal consideration of the draft outcome document will now be scheduled to begin on **Wednesday 24 January 2024 at 10:00AM**. The formal session of the plenary remains unchanged, and commences on **Monday 22 January at 10:00AM**. Please see enclosed updated proposed programme of work, contained in document A/CONF.223/2024/PC/CRP.1.

Annexed also to this letter is the draft decision submitted by the Co-Chairs for adoption by the Preparatory Committee regarding the accreditation of non-governmental organizations, major groups and other relevant stakeholders, issued as document A/CONF.223/2024/PC/L.3.

We encourage all delegations to refer to the official Conference website and the e-delegate portal for additional updates on preparations. We would like to draw specific attention to the programme of side events being held during the Preparatory Committee, which can be found at: https://sdgs.un.org/events/firstprepcommSIDS4#side_events.

Once again, we express our sincere gratitude to all delegations for entrusting us with their confidence and support, and their valuable contributions as we work together towards achieving an ambitious outcome for the Fourth International Conference on SIDS.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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