



26 January 2024

<u>Draft Outcome Document: Fourth International Conference on Small Island</u> <u>Developing States (SIDS4)</u>

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 first session of the Preparatory Committee for the Fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS4) held from 22-26 January 2024 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

We wish to reiterate our appreciation to all delegations for their constructive participation at the Preparatory Committee meeting, including during the first reading of the draft outcome document.

In this regard, we wish to confirm the deadline of 31 January for the submission of initial comments. Comments should be sent to Rachael.pringle@mfat.govt.nz and azhaan@maldivesmission.com; with copy to kajima@un.org and denekew@un.org. The Co-Chairs will circulate a compilation of comments received for the information of all delegations.

We note that a number of requests for clarification have been received. Attached is a compiled list. Please reach out to the above contacts if you believe your request has not been captured.

To facilitate communications, we ask that experts register for the mailing list here: https://forms.gle/iVems68hCmGMspmN9

We are pleased to confirm that the next round of consultations with Member States will take place on 12 and 13 February in CR 5, and on 14 February in CR 6.

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

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