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## Comments/Suggestions re: Zero Draft – Section B11 Stronger Institutions

1. SIDS development options are limited and present special challenges to planning for and implementing sustained development. To meet this challenge, the most valuable asset of most SIDS, their human resource, must be given every opportunity to fulfil their potential and contribute meaningfully to national, regional and international development consistent with the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development and Agenda 21.5
2. A large percentage of private sector business within SIDS die prematurely having never reached their full potential, and in the circumstance, drain their respective economies of important resources while contributing to increased unemployment, poverty and a strain on social services. The address of this is vital.
3. Research suggest that among the arguments advanced for weak private participation in the adoption of environmentally sustainable practices has been the difficulty of aligning and measuring the net benefits of environmental and financial performance. There is an opportunity to encourage wider adoption by way of a private sector focused sustainable development framework.
4. A significant percentage of the business community within SIDS does not publish or subscribe to sustainability or environmental reports. As such ongoing assessment and management of issues of sustainable importance are not effectively attended to.

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