



PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

20 February 2024

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to General Assembly resolution 76/203 and its annex regarding the regulations governing the United Nations Small Island Developing States Partnerships Awards, in particular Article 4, sub-paragraph 2 on selection of laureates, according to which:

“... the President of the General Assembly shall select the members of the judging panel, pursuant to nominations received from the Co-Chairpersons of the Steering Committee, for a period of two years. The panel shall comprise of the following:

- a) One representative from the Co-Chairpersons of the Steering Committee, who will chair;
- b) One representative from each of the three regions of small island developing States;
- c) Two representatives from the major groups and other relevant stakeholders.”

In this regard, and pursuant to the nominations I have received from the Co-Chairpersons of the Steering Committee on Partnerships for Small Island Developing States based on their consultations with Member States from the three regions of Small Island Developing States, the major groups and other relevant stakeholders, I have the honour to appoint the following members of the judging panel for a period of two years, from 2024 to 2025:

- **Mr. John Gilroy**, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations, as Chair of the panel.
- **Ms. Kereeta Whyte**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations.
- **Dr. Ibrahim Zuhuree**, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Maldives to the United Nations.
- **Ms. Fiona Indu**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Solomon Islands to the United Nations.
- **Ms. Kate Brown**, Executive Director, Global Island Partnership (GLISPA)
- **Dr. Satish Bidaisee**, Professor and Associate Dean, School of Graduate Studies, St. George's University, Grenada.

Furthermore, pursuant to Article 4, sub-paragraph 3 of the Annex to resolution 76/203, I have the further honour to inform that **Mr. Sainivalati S. Navoti**, Chief of the SIDS Unit, UN-DESA and **Ms. Tishka Francis**, Head of SIDS Sub-Programme, UN-OHRLLS will act as *ex-officio* members on the panel.

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

Dennis Francis

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