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Statement of H.E. Mr. Mahe Tupouniua
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the Pacific Small Island Developing States on the “Means of Implementation and
Global Partnership for Sustainable Development”
at the intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda

New York, Tuesday, 20 January, 2015

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Co-facilitators,

I have the honor to speak on behalf of the 12 Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS) with presence at the United Nations. We align ourselves with the statement delivered by Maldives as Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), [and for those of us that are members of the Group of 77 and China, with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of South Africa as Chair of that Group.]

Co-Facilitators,

PSIDS firmly believe that the Monterey Consensus, the Doha Declaration, the Rio Plus 20 Outcome "The Future We Want", the Report of the Open Working Group on SDGs, the Report of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing, as well as the S.A.M.O.A Pathway provide the international community with solid guiding platforms for a meaningful and robust financing for development architecture that accounts for all stakeholders.

Strong partnerships are effective tools to compliment international cooperation and to deliver the needed means of implementation, as highlighted in the SAMOA Pathway. We reiterate the critical role partnerships play in achieving sustainable development-partnerships that operate on mutual trust and accountability and hold each partner as equal. Genuine and durable partnerships are therefore key to supporting the implementation of our ambitious set of goals. They must be inclusive and ensure meaningful engagement involving all stakeholders.

We also look forward to further discuss the elaboration and establishment of a global technology facilitation mechanism, in order to support developing countries in gaining access to appropriate, reliable, affordable, modern and environmentally sound technologies and know-how. Such a mechanism is also needed to increase connectivity



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and use of information and communications technology through improved infrastructure, training, and national legislation, as well as public and private sector involvement.

Finally, we urge development partners to meet the target of 0.7% of GNI devoted to Official Development Assistance, including 0.15% of GNI to LDCs. We also support the improvement of the quality of aid, and call for better targeting to vulnerable countries, and improved access to concessional finance.

I thank you.