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ATTN: Small Island Developing States Bureau

CC: Kelly Dorkenoo

<u>RE: Intervention Statement</u> CMOCDAPUNDHJ in Regards to Small Island Development <u>States</u>

Dear Small Island Developing States Delegates:

Today CMOCDAPUNDHJ, [referred to as ("Comocodi" Haiti" for short form") would like to thank all of the participants here today to allow us to share our ideas, communication on progress on civil society partnerships that we currently have active in the Member States of Haiti and Jamaica.

A short description about our organization- We currently are a stakeholder and partner of ECCO2 Global Partners, an intergovernmental association, consisting of a multiple civil society groups in the West Indies, Eastern Europe, and more recently, Micronesia.

Our missions and focal points are aligned with the Rio+ 20 Principles and the Millennium Developments Goals to develop and support the awareness and solutions on program platforms that aid humanity and the environment.

About five years ago Mr. Cary Lee Peterson founded the concept and organization, currently known as Environmental Control of Carbon Dioxide [or ECCO2 for short]. CMOCDAPUNDHJ partnered with ECCO2 along with other UN-affiliated NGOs and local governments in West Africa and the West Indies.

The organization and network grew but it was not easy all the time delegating and working with Member Parties. There were many times where stakeholders and associates wanted to give up and quit or abandon the civil society program due to lack of cooperation, communication, and support from the governments. Haiti, for example took about two years before the national government agreed to make public notice to acknowledge a program that had been active in development stages two years prior. We ask ourselves how can observers make observation on something they cannot see. This happens all too often with NGOs and civil society groups. This is why making awareness of your actions are pertinent. Our origination and its partners have spend a great amount



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of time, funding, and effort to maintain communication of progress (COP), which will certain keep potential sponsors, contributors, and financial aid prospects interested in our Mission and projects.

The pervious testimony is provided at this meeting today to encourage other NGOs and stakeholders to not give up, work on strong communication amongst partnerships, and always maintain awareness of your activities and progress.

Many participants talk about the obvious topics: Let's bypass the common facts and focus on what matters. If you are here today and do not know what all eight of the focal points that make up the Millennium Developments Goals and how each of them affects the Small Island nation that your are representing, you need to afford the time to educate yourself with the content that can be easily found on the United Nations website.

Education is first and foremost the most important elements. Securing funding sources are also very pertinent. We can talk about several sustainable solutions; however without the proper funding nothing will ever come to fruition.

My closing comments: The civil society groups and partners Small Island Developing States should set a goal to have communication of progress for the upcoming Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States in Samoa later this year, whether it be small progress, as a person building a house and laying only one brick per day. After several days and weeks the aggregation of works will show productivity and enable us to eventually reach our goals for S.I.D.S, opposed to continuance of endless delegations about the problems at hand and showing no efforts to viable solutions.

CMOCDAPUNDHJ and ECCO2 Global Partners would like to thank you all for allowing us to share our comments and statements for intervention at today's meeting.

Thank you and God Bless.

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