

Decision 5.

Small Island Developing States

Reaffirming the Declaration of Barbados and the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (BPOA), the Mauritius Declaration and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (MSI) and the Plan for the Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, or JPOI), including chapter VII on the sustainable development of small island developing States;

Also reaffirming the “....special situation and circumstances of small island developing states” as outlined in *The Future We Want*;

Recalling that the 5-year review of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the BPOA as reflected in UN General Assembly Resolution 65/2 of October 2010 and reiterated in *The Future We Want* concluded that ‘....that small island developing States have made less progress than most other groupings, or even regressed, in economic terms,...’ which will have an adverse effect on SIDS in the achievement of their environmental goals;

Recalling that *The Future We Want* calls for, *inter alia*, the convening of The Third International Conference of Small Island Developing States in 2014;

Welcoming UN General Assembly Resolution 67/206 of December 2012 designating 2014 as the International Year of Small Island Developing States (SIDS);

Also taking note of UNEP’s effort in support of The Third International Conference on SIDS, including, *inter alia*, the establishment of the Inter-Divisional Group to oversee its implementation, reporting to the Committee of Permanent Representatives in Nairobi, Kenya and commencing on work on the preparation of a Communication Strategy in support of the International Year of SIDS;

Taking note of the South South Cooperation experiences

Noting with concern that Decision 9 of the 18th and 19th Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean, respectively

relating to small island developing states have yet to be fully implemented;

Decide

- 1. Requests** the Chair of the 19th Meeting of the Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean and all Member States of the Latin America and the Caribbean to raise the special vulnerabilities and circumstances of SIDS, including Caribbean SIDS, with respect to their environmental sustainability in regional and international environmental fora, as appropriate;
- 2. Further requests** that the Chair of 19th Meeting of the Forum of Ministers of Latin America and the Caribbean formally communicate to the UNEA in June 2014, Decision 9 of the 19th Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean relating to the establishment of SIDS-specific sub-programme in the existing UNEP Medium Term Strategy (MTS) and future MTS, including the identification of targeted financial resources to assist in the implementation of the Programme;
- 3. Calls upon** the Inter-agency Technical Committee (ITC) to assist Caribbean SIDS in the implementation of activities related to the priorities identified in the Latin America and the Caribbean Initiative for Sustainable Development (ILAC) and report on such activities in this regard at the 20th meeting of the Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean;
- 4. Reiterates** the call for the establishment of SIDS-specific platform in the 10-yr Programme on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP);
- 5. To urge** the UN System, particularly UNEP and the Members of the ITC to undertake activities as well as to support the Caribbean SIDS in their activities to commemorate the 2014 International Year of SIDS
- 6. At the same time**, urges Member States of the Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean to prioritize undertaking South-South cooperation activities with the Caribbean SIDS.

- 7. Further calls** upon the UN System to support national and regional programmes, projects and activities being undertaken in support of Caribbean SIDS in priority areas such as climate change, biodiversity, land degradation and water resources management that are critical to the long term development of SIDS.

- 8. Also call upon** all the Member States of Latin America and the Caribbean to support SIDS in the Global Preparatory process and the Third International Conference on SIDS as well as to prepare an Implementation Plan for the translation of the outcomes of the Third International Conference on SIDS into concrete actions in support of the sustainable development of SIDS.