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Preparations for the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Draft report of the open-ended preparatory meeting for the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

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Chapter ____ Organizational and other matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. In its resolution 58/213, the General Assembly endorsed the decision of the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2003/55, on the recommendation of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its eleventh session, to convene during the twelfth session of the Commission a three-day preparatory meeting for the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, from 14 to 16 April 2004, for an in-depth assessment and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action and to finalize the preparations for the International Meeting, including its agenda.

2. The Commission, working as a three-day open-ended preparatory meeting, held two meetings (2nd and 3rd meetings), as well as a number of informal meetings.

3. At the 2nd meeting, on 14 April, the Chairman opened the session and made an opening statement.

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4. At the same meeting, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat made an introductory statement.
5. Also at the same meeting, the Secretary-General of the International Meeting addressed the Commission.
6. At the same meeting, the Permanent Representative of the Bahamas made a statement.
7. Also at the same meeting, the Chairman (Mauritius) of the Alliance of Small Island States introduced the draft strategy for the further implementation of the Programme of Action, submitted by the Group of 77 and China.
8. At the same meeting, the Commission also heard statements from the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union, as well as the Acceding Countries, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia; the Candidate Countries, Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Serbia and Montenegro), the United States of America, Tuvalu and the Russian Federation.
9. Also at the same meeting, the representative of New Zealand made a statement.

B. Election of officers

10. At its 1st meeting, on 9 May 2003, the Commission had elected the following members of the Bureau by acclamation:

Chair:

Børge Brende (Norway)

Vice-Chair:

Bruno Stagno Ugarte (Costa Rica)

11. At its 2nd meeting, on 14 April 2004, the Commission elected the following members of the Bureau by acclamation:

Vice-Chairs:

Toru Shimizu (Japan)

Bolus Paul Zom Lolo (Nigeria)

Eva Tomic (Slovenia)

Rapporteur:

Bolus Paul Zom Lolo (Nigeria)

C. Agenda and organization of work

12. At its 2nd meeting, on 14 April, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda as contained in document E/CN.17/2004/1, and approved its organization of work (for the provisional agenda, see report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its twelfth session).

13. At the 2nd meeting, on 14 April 2004, the Commission agreed to conduct further consultations under agenda item 4 to be facilitated by Don Mackay (New Zealand).

D. Attendance

14. The session was attended by representatives of ___ States members of the Commission on Sustainable Development. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for the European Community, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system, and secretariats of treaty bodies, as well as observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. The list of participants will be issued in document E/CN.17/2004/INF/___.

[To be completed]

E. Documentation

15. The documents before the Commission at its twelfth session under agenda item 4 were as follows:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (E/CN.17/2004/8);

(b) Accreditation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups to the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and its preparatory meeting (E/CN.17/2004/9);

(c) Letter dated 26 March 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/CN.17/2004/12).
