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Committee: United Nations Environment Programme

Topic: The Disproportionate Impact of Climate Change and Sea Level Rise in Small Island Developing States

1 *The United Nations Environment Programme,*

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3 *Bearing in mind* the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations relating to international
4 cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian nature,

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6 *Recognizing* that nature directly affects the overall well-being of the world population and its role in the
7 international community will continue to be vital to humanity referenced in World Commission on Environment and
8 Development document A/42/427 *Our Common Future, from one Earth to One World* and General Assembly
9 A/RES/27/2997,

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11 *Considering* that under the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights everyone is entitled to a social
12 and international order in which the rights and freedoms set forth in that Declaration can be fully realized,

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14 *Viewing* with appreciation the adoption of the rights of nature in states constitutions as exemplified by Ecuador,

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16 *Expressing* the need to protect the flora and fauna most affected by climate change's negative impact, as seen in the
17 Spain-United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Partnership for Protected areas in support for the LifeWeb
18 Initiative,

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20 *Fully aware* that the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) need to have their respective environments sustained in
21 order to ensure their survival and future, as regarded in the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA)
22 Pathway,

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24 *Affirming* the need to provide a long term solution to mitigate the causes of sea level rise disproportionately
25 affecting SIDS,

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27 1. *Declares* that nature in all its life forms has the right to exist, persist, maintain and regenerate its vital cycles,
28 and be restored in order to ensure the use of the environment for future generations;
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30 2. *Implores* states to adopt the declaration to the rights of nature in order to further show the international
31 community's commitment to a long term environmental solution that will help mitigate causes of climate
32 change that will disproportionately affect SIDS;
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34 3. *Encourages* Member States to enact comprehensive action plans that apply precaution and restriction of
35 measures in all the activities that can lead to the extinction of species, the destruction of the ecosystems or the
36 permanent alteration of the natural cycles through, but not limited to:
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38 a. increasing recycling and composting efforts,
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40 b. promoting increases in research and development of technologies for domestic renewable energy
41 production in developed and developing states, and
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43 c. decreasing carbon footprint per capita by decreasing dependence on non-biodegradable materials;
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45 4. *Recommends* the continued support by Member States of the LifeWeb Initiative to improve biodiversity and
46 restore fragile ecosystems of the SIDS by:
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48 a. having developing nations, namely SIDS, add projects to the initiative that require financial aid to
49 succeed, and
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51 b. urging developed Member States to encourage their respective public and private sectors to further
52 donate to LifeWeb so as to achieve funding goals for current and future projects .