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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 *Affirming* the critical role of freedom, peace, security, and respect for all human rights especially the right to  
4 development and the right to an adequate standard of living as laid out in the Small Island Developing States (SIDS)  
5 Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA),

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7 *Reaffirming* Agenda 21, emphasizing section III, and its focus on the critical role that women play in sustainable  
8 development in Small Island Development States,

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10 *Bearing in mind* the restrictions on women's ability to be involved in leadership roles in relation to the environment  
11 as addressed in the Beijing Platform for Action clause 253, which impede the sustainable development of SIDS,

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13 *Expressing its appreciation* for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that are committed to the improvement of  
14 women's rights, especially Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO),

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16 *Recognizing* the availability of existing financial support for the startup of sustainable energy fields provided by  
17 international non-governmental organizations such as Sustainable Energy for All and the World Bank for SIDS  
18 development,

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20 *Highlighting* the overreliance of many SIDS on tourism and fisheries as their primary source of income as described  
21 in the SIDS platform for action and thus encouraging them to diversify the economy as several SIDS including  
22 Mauritius have been successful in doing,

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24 *Noting* the need to establish specific methods to finance a transition to a green economy in SIDS to mitigate the  
25 effects of climate change as discussed in the 2014 UNEA meeting that focused on funding for green economies,

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27 1. *Recommends* SIDS to take advantage of available financial support to fund the startup of sustainable energy  
28 infrastructure in order to diversify the economy and effectively address frictional unemployment during  
29 transitional periods provided by:

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31 a. International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) in collaboration with the Abu Dhabi Fund for  
32 Development (ADFD) in the form of commissioner loan, and  
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34 b. World Bank initiatives and branches relevant to funding sustainable energy sectors such as the  
35 International Finance Corporation (IFC) and private corporations within the Secretary-General's  
36 High Level Program on Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL);

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38 2. *Creates* local yearly conferences in SIDS in conjunction with UN Women and NGO's that are committed to the  
39 improvement of women rights to encourage women leadership roles as well as ways in which they can mitigate  
40 climate change through:

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42 a. Local women leading discussions on the topics of:  
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44 i. techniques to combat climate change based on their own geographic and cultural realities,  
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46 ii. useful information on the local techniques to cultivate sustainable development,  
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48 b. Workshops that educate women about ways in which they can be more involved in the mitigation  
49 of climate change including teaching them about:  
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51 i. more sustainable cultivation techniques and other ways they can take on sustainable  
52 practices in their daily lives,

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ii. women's leadership roles as they relates to the environment;

3. *Requests* local SIDS governments and businesses' active involvement in instituting sustainable energy technologies in SIDS including but not limited to:
- a. tidal wave energy,
  - b. solar power,
  - c. geothermal power, and
  - d. offshore wind energy collection.