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## Fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States

Antigua and Barbuda, 27–30 May 2024

Item 11 of the provisional agenda\*

### Adoption of the report of the Conference

## Draft report of the fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States

*Rapporteur-General*: Sanita Pavļuta-Deslandes (Latvia)

### I. Resolutions adopted by the Conference

[To be completed]

### II. Organization of work and other organizational matters

#### A. Date and venue of the Conference

1. The fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States was held in Antigua and Barbuda from 27 to 30 May 2024, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions [77/245](#) and [77/328](#). During that period, the Conference held eight plenary meetings and five interactive dialogues.

#### B. Attendance

2. The list of participants will be issued as document [A/CONF.223/2024/INF/2](#).

#### C. Opening of the Conference

3. The Conference was opened on 27 May 2024 by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in his capacity as temporary President in accordance with rule 17 of the provisional rules of procedure.

4. At the opening of the Conference during the 1st plenary meeting, on 27 May, statements were made by the President of the Conference, Gaston Alphonso Browne; the Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres; the President of the General Assembly, Dennis Francis; the President of the Economic and Social Council, Paula Narváez; the Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States, Afioga Fiamē Naomi

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\* [A/CONF.223/2024/1](#).



Mata'afa; the Secretary-General of the Conference, Li Junhua; the Special Adviser for the Conference, Rabab Fatima; and a youth representative, Lutrell John.

#### **D. Election of the President and other officers of the Conference**

5. At its 1st plenary meeting, the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Corporate Governance and Public Private Partnerships of Antigua and Barbuda, Gaston Alphonso Browne, was elected by acclamation as President of the Conference.

6. At the same meeting, the following Vice-Presidents were elected by acclamation:

African States: Cabo Verde, Morocco and Seychelles;

Asia-Pacific States: India, Maldives and Philippines;

Eastern European States: Latvia, Poland and Romania;

Latin American and Caribbean States: Dominican Republic and Grenada;

Western European and other States: Italy, Malta and Netherlands (Kingdom of the).

7. Antigua and Barbuda was elected, by acclamation, as ex officio Vice-President of the Conference.

8. Sanita Pavļuta-Deslandes (Latvia) was elected, by acclamation, as Rapporteur-General of the Conference.

#### **E. Adoption of the rules of procedure**

9. At its 1st plenary meeting, the Conference adopted its rules of procedure (see [A/CONF.223/2024/2](#)).

#### **F. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters**

10. Also at its 1st plenary meeting, the Conference adopted the agenda ([A/CONF.223/2024/1](#)):

1. Opening of the Conference.
2. Election of the President.
3. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
4. Adoption of the agenda of the Conference.
5. Election of officers other than the President.
6. Organization of work, including the establishment of subsidiary bodies, and other organizational matters.
7. Credentials of representatives to the Conference:
  - (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
  - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
8. General debate.
9. Report of the interactive dialogues.
10. Outcome of the Conference.
11. Adoption of the report of the Conference.
12. Closure of the Conference.

## **G. Organization of work, including the establishment of subsidiary bodies, and other organizational matters**

11. At the same meeting, the Conference approved its organization of work as contained in document [A/CONF.223/2024/3](#), taking into account the appointment of the Co-Chairs of the interactive dialogues.

## **H. Credentials of representatives to the Conference**

12. Rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Conference provides that:

A Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its current session. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay.

13. At its 1st plenary meeting, the Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following States: Andorra, China, Grenada, Nigeria, Russian Federation, Solomon Islands, Suriname, Togo and United States of America.

## **I. Documentation**

14. The list of documents before the Conference is contained in the annex to the present report.

## **III. General debate**

15. *[To be completed]*

## **IV. Interactive dialogues**

### **Interactive dialogue 1**

#### **Revitalizing small island developing States economies for accelerated and sustainable growth**

16. *[To be completed]*

### **Interactive dialogue 2**

#### **Enhancing critical forms of financing and aid effectiveness through collaborative partnerships: a conversation**

17. *[To be completed]*

### **Interactive dialogue 3**

#### **Making climate finance work for small island developing States: building on the outcomes of the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change**

18. *[To be completed]*

**Interactive dialogue 4**

**Leveraging data and digital technologies and building effective institutions for a resilient future in small island developing States**

19. *[To be completed]*

**Interactive dialogue 5**

**Investing in human capital: addressing health crises in small island developing States and building the potential of youth in small island developing States**

20. *[To be completed]*

**V. Report of the Credentials Committee**

21. At its 8th plenary meeting, on 30 May, the Conference considered the report of the Credentials Committee ([A/CONF.223/2024/6](#)).

22. *[To be completed]*

**VI. Outcome of the Conference**

23. At its 8th plenary meeting, on 30 May, the Conference had before it a draft resolution submitted by the President of the Conference, entitled “The Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for Small Island Developing States: A Renewed Declaration for Resilient Prosperity” ([A/CONF.223/2024/L.1](#)).

24. *[To be completed]*

**VII. Adoption of the report of the Conference**

25. At its 8th plenary meeting, the Rapporteur-General introduced the draft report of the Conference ([A/CONF.223/2024/L.3](#)).

*[To be completed]*

**VIII. Closure of the Conference**

26. *[To be completed]*

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