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Annotations

1. Election of officers

In paragraph 32 of its resolution [77/245](#), the General Assembly decided to establish a Preparatory Committee for the fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States to make the organizational, procedural and substantive preparations for the Conference, which would hold a one-day organizational session in the first half of 2023 and two sessions, of no more than five days each, in the first half of 2024.

The General Assembly also decided to establish a Bureau of the Preparatory Committee consisting of two members of each regional group, as well as ex officio members from the host country and the Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States. In this regard, the Assembly invited five regional groups to nominate their candidates for the 10-member Bureau of the Preparatory Committee.

The General Assembly also decided that the Committee should elect two Co-Chairs from among the nominated Bureau members, one from a developed State and one from a developing State.



The Preparatory Committee may wish to elect two co-chairs and eight vice-chairs, one of whom would also serve as the Rapporteur, based on the nominations from the regional groups.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The provisional agenda of the Preparatory Committee for its organizational, first and second sessions is contained in the present document. At its organizational session, the Committee may wish to adopt the agenda.

In paragraph 34 of its resolution [77/245](#), the General Assembly decided that the Preparatory Committee, during its organizational session, would adopt decisions and, as appropriate, make recommendations to the Assembly on the additional modalities and format of the Conference and how it can be organized in the most efficient and effective manner.

In paragraph 38 of its resolution [77/245](#), the General Assembly invited relevant stakeholders, including organizations and bodies of the United Nations, international financial institutions and major groups identified in Agenda 21,¹ to participate as observers in the Conference and the meetings of the preparatory committee.

3. Provisional rules of procedure of the Conference

In paragraph 37 of its resolution [77/245](#), the General Assembly decided that the Preparatory Committee should consider and adopt the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference taking into consideration the established practice of the Assembly and its conferences. The Preparatory Committee will have before it the draft provisional rules of procedure of the Conference for adoption and transmittal to the Conference for its approval.

4. Consideration of the outcome of the Conference based on the objectives and the theme of the Conference

The General Assembly, in paragraph 26 of its resolution [77/245](#), decided that the Conference should:

(a) Assess the progress to date and the remaining gaps and challenges in the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action, the Mauritius Strategy and the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway, including the Small Island Developing States Partnership Framework, building on, inter alia, existing reports and relevant processes, stressing the importance of continued substantive consideration of the follow-up to and implementation of the SAMOA Pathway, and the previous programmes of action for small island developing States, and seek a renewed political commitment by all countries to address effectively the special needs and vulnerabilities of small island developing States by focusing on practical and pragmatic actions for the further implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action, the Mauritius Strategy and the SAMOA Pathway, inter alia, through the mobilization of targeted resources, including domestic and private investment, and assistance for small island developing States;

(b) Identify new and emerging challenges and opportunities for the sustainable development of small island developing States and ways and means to address them, including through the strengthening of collaborative partnerships between small island developing States and the international community, and further

¹ The major groups identified in Agenda 21 are women, children and youth, Indigenous Peoples and their communities, non-governmental organizations, local authorities, workers and trade unions, business and industry, scientific and technological communities, and farmers.

identify priorities for the sustainable development of small island developing States for consideration, consistent with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and in line with the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030, the New Urban Agenda and the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

In paragraph 31 of its resolution [77/245](#), the General Assembly decided that the Conference would result in an intergovernmentally agreed, focused, forward-looking and action-oriented political outcome document.

5. Other matters

6. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee

The report of the Preparatory Committee should be adopted at the final meeting of the second session of the Committee. It will then be submitted to the fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States for its consideration and appropriate action.
