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### Commission on Sustainable Development

#### Inter-sessional Ad Hoc Working Group on Oceans and Seas and on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

1–5 March 1999

Item 2 of the provisional agenda

#### Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

### Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Oceans and seas.
4. Sustainable development of small island developing States.
5. Other matters.
6. Adoption of the report of the Working Group.

### Annotations

#### 1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Working Group shall elect, at the commencement of the first meeting, from among the representatives of its members, such officers as may be required. The membership of the Commission is given in annex II below.

#### 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

In accordance with rule 7 of the rules of procedure, the Working Group shall, at the beginning of the session, after the election of its officers, adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda. The proposed programme of work of the Working Group is contained in annex I below.

### **3. Oceans and seas**

In its resolution 1997/63, the Economic and Social Council decided that during the period 1998–2002 the Commission on Sustainable Development should continue the practice of establishing, subject to approval by the Council, up to two inter-sessional ad hoc working groups in a given year with a view to assisting the Commission in the preparations for its forthcoming year.

Accordingly, in its decision 6/6, the Commission decided that one working group would be devoted to oceans and seas, and a comprehensive review of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, and that the other working group would be devoted to consumption and production patterns, including recommendations for sustainable consumption for inclusion in the United Nations guidelines for consumer protection, as requested by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1997/53, and tourism.

At its meeting on 16 December 1998, the Bureau of the Commission decided that the Inter-sessional Ad Hoc Working Group on Oceans and Seas and on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States would meet from 1 to 5 March 1999.

#### **Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General on oceans and seas (E/CN.17/1999/4)

### **4. Sustainable development of small island developing States**

By paragraph 71 of the annex to its resolution S-19/2, the General Assembly decided to hold a two-day special session immediately preceding its fifty-fourth session for an in-depth assessment and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States. In its resolution 52/202, the General Assembly reaffirmed that decision and in its resolution 53/189 it noted the importance of the decision to hold a two-day special session and stressed the importance of the full and effective participation of small island developing States in the special session and the seventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development as the preparatory body for the special session.

In its decision 6/6, the Commission, bearing in mind that the issue of a comprehensive review of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States was included in its programme of work for 1999, decided that, one of its two working groups would be devoted to oceans and seas and the sustainable development of small island developing States.

#### **Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (E/CN.17/1999/6 and Add. 1–16)

Report of the Secretary-General on current donor activities for small island developing States (E/CN.17/1999/7)

**5. Other matters**

Pursuant to the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, the Commission will discuss energy issues at its ninth session (General Assembly resolution S-19/2, annex, para. 46 (a)). Noting the vital role of energy in the continuation of sustained economic growth, especially for developing countries, be they importers or suppliers of energy, and recognizing the complexities and interdependencies inherent in addressing energy issues within the context of sustainable development, the Assembly stated that preparations for the ninth session should be initiated at the seventh session and should utilize an open-ended intergovernmental group of experts on energy and sustainable development to be held in conjunction with inter-sessional meetings of the eighth and ninth sessions of the Commission.

Accordingly, on 5 March 1999, the Secretariat will brief the Working Group on preparations for the ninth session, and solicit preliminary views among delegations to assist it in formulating specific proposals for consideration during the seventh session.

**6. Adoption of the report of the Working Group**

In accordance with established practice, the Working Group will submit a report to the Commission at its seventh session.

As decided by the Bureau at its meetings on 16 December 1998 and 20 January 1999, the report will consist of two parts: (i) a Co-Chairman's summary and (ii) elements of a draft decision for future negotiation during the seventh session of the Commission.

## Annex I

### Proposed programme of work

The proposed programme of work for the Inter-sessional Ad Hoc Working Group on Oceans and Seas and on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States is based on recommendations made by the Bureau.

#### Week of 1–5 March

##### Monday, 1 March\*

a.m.                      *Item 1*

Opening of the session

Election of officers

Opening statements by the Co-Chairmen

*Item 2*

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

*Item 3*

Oceans and seas

Introduction of the report of the Secretary-General

Introduction of results of relevant inter-sessional meetings

General discussion

p.m.                      *Item 3*

Oceans and seas

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

##### Tuesday, 2 March\*

a.m.                      *Item 4*

Sustainable development of small island developing States

Introduction of the report of the Secretary-General and other relevant documentation

Introduction of results of relevant inter-sessional meetings

General discussion

p.m.                      *Item 4*

Sustainable development of small island developing States

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

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\* Should delegations choose to make national presentations, such presentations would be made during the morning meetings of Monday, 1 March, and Tuesday, 2 March 1999. The programme of work would be adjusted accordingly.

**Wednesday, 3 March**a.m. *Item 3*

Oceans and seas

Introduction of Co-Chairman's  
summaryIntroduction of elements for a draft  
decisionp.m. *Item 3*

Oceans and seas

General discussion of Co-Chairman's  
summary and of elements for a draft  
decision**Thursday, 4 March**a.m. *Item 4*Sustainable development of small island  
developing States

Introduction of draft document\*

a.m. *Item 4*Sustainable development of small island  
developing States

General discussion of draft document

**Friday, 5 March**a.m. *Item 5*

Other matters

Briefing by the Secretariat on  
preparations for the ninth session on  
issues related to energy

Comments by delegations

*Item 3*

Oceans and seas

Introduction of second draft of Co-  
Chairman's summaryIntroduction of second draft of  
elements for a draft decision*Item 4*Sustainable development of small island  
developing StatesIntroduction of second draft of draft  
documentp.m. *Items 3 and 4*

Oceans and seas

Sustainable development of small island  
developing StatesFinal comments by delegations on the  
above documents*Item 6*Adoption of the report of the Working  
Group

Closure of the session

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\* In accordance with paragraph 71 of the annex to General Assembly resolution S-19/2, the outcome of item 4 (Sustainable development of small island developing States) will be a draft document for adoption by the Assembly at its two-day special session.

## Annex II

### Membership of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its seventh session

Algeria	Mexico
Antigua and Barbuda	Mozambique
Belgium	Netherlands
Benin	New Zealand
Bolivia	Nicaragua
Brazil	Niger
Bulgaria	Pakistan
Canada	Panama
Central African Republic	Peru
China	Philippines
Colombia	Poland
Côte d'Ivoire	Portugal
Czech Republic	Russian Federation
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Saudi Arabia
Djibouti	Slovakia
Egypt	Spain
France	Sri Lanka
Gabon	Sudan
Germany	Sweden
Guyana	Switzerland
Hungary	Thailand
India	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Indonesia	United States of America
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Venezuela
Ireland	Zimbabwe
Japan	
Mauritania	
Mauritius	

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