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Accreditation of relevant major groups organizations in the high-level review of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway

Note by the Secretary-General

In its resolution [72/307](#), on the modalities for the high-level review of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway, the General Assembly encouraged relevant major groups organizations that were not accredited by the Economic and Social Council to submit applications to participate as observers in the high-level review, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Assembly, following the accreditation procedures established during the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States.

In its decision adopted on 21 March 2014 concerning the arrangements for accreditation and participation of relevant non-governmental organizations and other major groups in the preparatory process and in the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States ([A/CONF.223/PC/L.1](#)), the Preparatory Committee for the Conference decided, inter alia, that non-governmental organizations not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council wishing to attend and contribute to the Conference, and whose work was relevant to the subject of the Conference, could participate as observers in the Conference as well as in the preparatory meetings, in accordance with the provisions contained in part VII of Council resolution 1996/31, and subject to the approval of the plenary meeting of the Committee. In the same decision, the Committee also stated that the secretariat of the Conference, in close cooperation and coordination with the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Secretariat, should be responsible for the receipt and preliminary evaluation of requests for accreditation to the Conference and would review the relevance of the work of the applicants on the basis of their background and involvement in sustainable development issues, in particular in the process of follow-up to the Barbados Programme of Action and the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation. The Committee further decided that the Secretariat should publish



and disseminate the list of applications received in advance to member States of the Committee. In a decision adopted at its meeting held on 25 June 2014 ([A/CONF.223/PC/L.2](#)), the Committee decided to endorse the recommendations by the Secretariat on the accreditation of those non-governmental organizations and other major groups not in consultative status but wishing to attend and contribute to the Conference and its preparatory process, as contained in annex 1 to the note by the Secretary-General on the same topic ([A/CONF.223/PC/5](#)).

For the high-level review, the Secretariat received four completed applications by the 19 June 2019 deadline and has organized the requests into two separate annexes, in line with the practice followed at the above-mentioned Conference. Annex I contains the list of the major groups organizations recommended by the secretariat for accreditation. Annex II contains the list of organizations that submitted applications that were not evaluated by the secretariat because the organizations were already in consultative status with the Council or had been accredited to the previous relevant conferences and summits, namely, the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and the previous United Nations conferences on the sustainable development of small island developing States, held in Barbados, Mauritius and Samoa, as well as the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

Annex I

Major groups organizations recommended for accreditation

Medical IMPACT (Mexico)

GAVI Alliance (Switzerland)

Annex II

Major groups organizations already in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

Federation of Environmental and Ecological Diversity for Agricultural Revampment
and Human Rights

Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future
