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**International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of
Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States**

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Note by the secretariat

Summary

The Conference of the Parties, at its tenth session, requested the secretariat (FCCC/CP/2004/10, para. 131) to report to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, at its twenty-second session, on its participation in the 10-year review of progress in the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for Small Island Developing States.

I. Mandate

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP), at its tenth session, discussed the secretariat activities relevant to other intergovernmental meetings including the 10-year review of progress in the implementation of the Barbados Plan of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (BPOA). The COP, taking into account United Nations General Assembly resolution 57/262, requested the secretariat to report on its participation in the 10-year review to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) at its twenty-second session (FCCC/CP/2004/10, para. 131).

II. UNFCCC participation in the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

2. The International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States was held in Port Louis, Mauritius, from 10 to 14 January 2005. It was attended by about 2,000 participants, including heads of state, heads of government and vice presidents from 18 countries, 60 ministers, and numerous representatives of United Nations agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. It was organized in a series of plenary panels that focused on several themes in the context of the sustainable development of small island developing States (SIDS). It also included a high-level segment consisting of a general debate on the comprehensive review of the implementation of the programme of action for sustainable development of SIDS and two round-table discussions on the themes “The way forward” and “Capacity-building”.

3. The principal outputs from the meeting were the “Mauritius Declaration”¹ and the “Strategy for the further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States”.²

4. The Executive Secretary made a statement at the high-level segment. She described the evolving science of climate change, and the accumulation of evidence over the past decade to document the special vulnerability of SIDS to climate change; she also reported on the active contribution of SIDS to the UNFCCC process, including the ministerial declaration by the Alliance of Small Island States to the COP at its tenth session.

5. The Executive Secretary also participated in a side event (Climate change and SIDS: reducing vulnerabilities and enhancing adaptive capacity) sponsored by the UNFCCC and the World Meteorological Organization. The secretariat also prepared and circulated copies of a brochure entitled “Climate change, small island developing States”.³

¹ A/CONF.207/L.6 (consolidated).

² A/CONF.207/CRP.7 “Draft strategy for the further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States” (advanced unedited version).

³ <http://unfccc.int/files/essential_background/background_publications_htmlpdf/application/pdf/cc_sids_eng.pdf>.