



14 May 2019

Excellency,

We write to you in our capacities as Co-Chairs appointed by the President of the General Assembly to facilitate intergovernmental consultations for a concise, action-oriented and inter-governmentally agreed political declaration of the high-level mid-term review of the SAMOA Pathway.

The SAMOA Pathway articulates the sustainable development aspirations, and priorities of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) for the period 2015–2025. Building on previous SIDS sustainable development agendas, it is a stand-alone regime that reaffirms SIDS as a special case for sustainable development. The SAMOA Pathway is consistent with the 2030 Agenda, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the Paris Agreement and the New Urban Agenda.

In discharging our mandates as co-facilitators, we will convene consultations at expert level on Wednesday 15 May at 3pm in Conference Room 12. During this first meeting, the co-facilitators will present the attached zero draft and invite delegations to prepare the detailed reading of the text which will commence the following week on 20 May.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of our highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Satyendra Prasad

Permanent Representative

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