

**STATEMENT MADE BY MR. MODEST J. MERO, MINISTER
PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE
UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA TO THE UN ON SIDS DAY:
REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MAITIUS
STRATEGY (PREPCOM FOR MIS +5) DURING THE 18 SESSION
OF COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: NEW
YORK, 10 MAY 2010.**

Mr Chairperson,

Tanzanian delegation wishes to join others to congratulate the Chairperson for his leadership in this important deliberation on the Review of the Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy. The Statement Made by High Representative for LDC, LLDC, SIDs and Special Advisor for Africa on the overview of implementation of Barbados Plan of Action and Mauritius Strategy is highly commendable.

My delegation representing a country with small islands of Zanzibar and Pemba which are also vulnerable, wish to align itself to the Statement made by Jamaica on behalf of the G77 and China and fully support the thrust of the Statement made the Representative of Grenada on behalf of AOSIS.

Mr. Chairman,

We are aware that some efforts are being deployed to address the development needs of small island and the challenge of climate change that threaten the very existence of these island states. However, these efforts have not been adequate.

We have experienced For example our islands of Zanzibar and Pemba and others have been facing similar climate change impacts and are vulnerable. Recently we have lost one small islands in Pangani, Tanzania which have actually submerged in the sea. It is now clear that Climate change challenges among others threaten economic activities and livelihood due to unpredictable weather patterns and tsunamis hence negating development prospects. We think now it is time to reinforce interventions in the Small Island States.

We look forward to effective High Level review of the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy.

I thank you for your kind attention.