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Co-chair

The Caribbean community would like to make a brief submission on some of the priority actions we think necessary for enhancing the institutional framework for Sustainable Development

1. There is need for heightened system-wide harmonized UN Coordination to support the implementation of the BPOA and MSI. Specific to the One-UN approach, the UNDAF programming initiative currently being conducted within the SIDS' regions, must be a part of this process. The UNDAF represents a bottom-up approach in determining country priorities as the basis for UN programming.
2. As it relates to avenues for reform the current perceived overlap in responsibility, duplication of effort and incoherence by the various arms, programmes and funds of the UN needs attention in order to channel resources where there are most needed. Barbados as a SIDS supports the initiative to streamline UN institutional processes in the area of environmental governance, however only after a system wide analysis of the current institutional framework.
3. Caution must be exercised in any reform initiative to ensure a "strengthening" exercise is undertaken as a means to enhance institutional efficiency and effectiveness as opposed to a streamlining process with the primary aim of reducing operational costs. Any new environmental governance arrangement must add value to the existing processes and should not result in additional costs or burdens to developing countries.
4. We urge that the institutional framework ensure effective synergies between the CSD and other existing inter-governmental instruments and processes, including different multilateral agreements, UN programmes and funds, and regional processes via
  - Pooling of resources (e.g. secretariat, finances, expertise etc)
  - Common platforms of operation and mobilisation
  - Common dialogue fora (e.g. meetings)

- Common platform for member states to meet obligations (e.g. reporting)
5. Finally Chair, as was evident yesterday many of our regions sustainable development challenges require regional responses including fisheries management, climate change and food security. Also as indicated yesterday our legal mechanism resides in the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramus. We therefore believe that institutional strengthening cannot take place only at the international level but should also include mechanisms at the regional level. Further, for the CARICOM region the process of developing a single market and economy cannot be on a separate track from the pursuit of sustainable development. It is therefore imperative that the existing regional mechanisms be strengthened to integrate Sustainable Development fully into our regions development paradigm.

I thank you Co-Chair