

**Statement  
on behalf of Pacific SIDS  
on Industrial Development in the context of CSD15-IPM  
on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2007  
by Ambassador Robert Aisi of Papua New Guinea**

Chairman,

Pacific SIDS have relatively limited industrial development which is predominantly light to medium in scale.

Our colleague from Pakistan noted the critical point the “sustained industrial development is crucial for eradicating poverty and promoting sustainable economic growth and sustainable development.”

Our colleague from Saudi Arabia earlier stated that, “there is a need for energy for development, and dif there is NO energy then there is NO development” and where this was reiterated by Qatar.

This message rings very true for the Pacific SIDS.

As elaborated in the discussions on energy for sustainable development, the Pacific SIDS are clearly disadvantaged from the lack or energy resources.

Chairman

Hence there is the need to initially establish an enabling environment, where energy resources are not only a constraint, so as to encourage planned industrial development.

For the Pacific SIDS, the development aspect is key. So we agree with the sections of the Secretary Generals Report E/CN 17/2007/3 referring to policy options and possible action to expedite implementation for industrial development.

Therefore as a key policy outcome we consider that priority be given to:-

1. Support for small and medium sized enterprises in SIDS, linked with energy efficiency and renewable energy for rural and remote areas, as well as niche marketing.
2. Special financing windows for SIDS, for small medium enterprise development.

Such initiative will benefit from contributions in improving energy efficiency and energy conservation where this is already noted as a priority action for SIDS, as relatively small improvements in energy efficiency can result in large savings for governments and communities with the view to improving and enabling industrial development for the betterment of SIDS.

Thank you Chairman.