

Statement on the CSD15 Policy Session on the Thematic Cluster of Cross-Cutting Issues for the implementation cycle 2006-2007

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Mr. Chairman,

Solomon Islands would like to begin by associating itself with the statement delivered by Grenada on behalf of AOSIS and Pakistan on behalf of the G77 and China.

Mr. Chairman,

On the Cross cutting issues, Solomon Islands would like to contribute by raising the following points especially in dealing with the framework and means of implementation of the commitments on sustainable development especially SIDS and LDCs and recommend their reflection in the Chairman's Text:

- 1. Better access to multilateral funding mechanisms to the most vulnerable countries such as SIDS and LDCs
- 2. Seek support for the set of Insurance mechanism and its replication such as the one in the CARICOM to other SIDS regions in dealing with climate change challenges and disaster management
- 3. Call on the international community to support proven technology transfer especially for development of renewable energy and capacity building
- 4. Empathized the importance of adopting Rural development based approach to sustainable development to be incorporated into the CSD15 agreed mechanisms to reach out to the most vulnerable groups such as women and children in the areas of modern energy access and eco-tourism for SIDS
- 5. Emphasized that Commitments made to address sustainable development must be matched with resources for implementation
- 6. Seek support for SIDSNETS for dissemination of information to facilitate sustainable development and the unique challenges faced by SIDS
- 7. Call to support the set up of a global renewable energy fund for development of renewable energy for the most vulnerable countries.

My delegation close by assuring you of our cooperation and hope the plea of the most vulnerable members of the UN will be heard and acted upon.

I thank you.