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TO: SPREP National Focal Points
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SUBJECT: Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy and United Nations assistance to Small Island Developing States

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached Resolution 65/2 from the United Nations General Assembly last year regarding the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy

SPREP members as well as SPREP have been invited to submit comments on the Resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for inclusion in his address to the 66th session of the General Assembly.

Our attention has been drawn to paragraph 33 of the Resolution as well as to a related ECOSOC resolution. I've summarized below what we have been invited to submit comments on:

1. How to enhance the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action and the Mauritius Strategy and refocus efforts towards a results oriented approach and to consider what additional measures might be needed to address the vulnerabilities and development needs of SIDS.
2. Ways to enhance the UN system's support for SIDS.
3. Recommendations on how UN support for SIDS could be more targeted, cost efficient, measurable and effective.


I would be grateful for any views, comments or observations you may have on these matters and have attached copies of the Mauritius Strategy and Barbados Programme of Action for your reference. Please forward your comments to clarkp@sprep.org

We would also be grateful if these could be sent by the end of the month.

I would like to wish you all a successful 2011.

Yours sincerely,




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Director

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