

20 January 2016

## Excellency,

I have the pleasure to refer to the General Assembly resolution A/RES/70/202 entitled "Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States" by which the General Assembly requested the President of the General Assembly to appoint two co-chairs to lead the Steering Committee on partnerships for SIDS, which function is to support the follow-up of existing, and promote and advocate for the launch of new, small island developing States partnerships.

I have the honor to inform you that I have decided to appoint H.E. Mr. Ahmed Sareer, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Maldives to the United Nations and H.E. Mr. Sebastiano Cardi, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations to act as co-chairs and to lead this Committee on my behalf.

I trust that you will extend to them your full support and cooperation.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Mogens Lykketoft

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