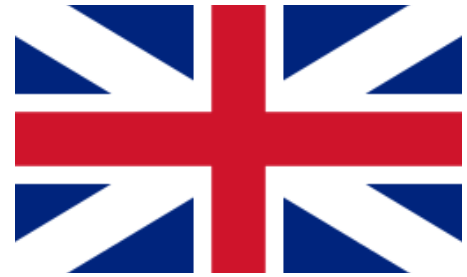


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“I feel we are all islands in a common sea.”

- Anne Morrow Lindbergh

The issue of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) is one that demands urgent actions. With global warming on the rise, their voices are on the brink of being drowned. Their issues are one of the gravest and one of the most complex to be solved. However, with persevering determination that can, and will be solved. As a former colonial power, The UK today retains many SIDS in the form of the British Overseas Territories (BOTs). As such this issue is of paramount importance to us.

The United Kingdom appreciates the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway. Our Prime Minister has already announced the following aid towards helping out the SIDS under our administration. There are as follows:

- £15 million to help extend an international disaster risk insurance fund to the Pacific Islands – helping these countries to access rapid finance in the event of natural disasters or reduce the worst effects of a slow onset disaster such as drought
- £5 million to establish a global disaster risk financing facility to provide technical assistance to help low income countries manage risk and put disaster contingency plans in place
- £1 million to provide technical expertise to small island developing countries to help identify ways for them to better access finance to invest in critical development and infrastructure projects
- establishing a working group within the Commonwealth to identify ways to lever more private sector investment for green projects in vulnerable countries

The United Kingdom will strive throughout the discourse of the proceedings of the committee and otherwise as well to help and aid these nations in anyway possible. We feel that we understand their concerns and grievances best as we face the same while protecting and maintaining the BOTs. The UK hopes to see a fruitful debate session in which all of the

pertains issues will be discussed and that the committee will be able to reach a conclusive solution to the issue at hand