



STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA BY MS. PAMELA G. LUNA, MINISTER COUNSELLOR IN THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE PLURINATIONAL STATE OF BOLIVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, AT THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES (New York, 21 March 2014)

Co-chairs,

Thank you for giving me the floor.

I am honored to deliver this short statement on behalf of the Group of G77 and China.

At the outset, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee, namely the distinguished Permanent Representative of Singapore and the Deputy Permanent Representative of New Zealand, as well as the Co-Facilitators, namely the distinguished Permanent Representatives of Mexico and Romania, for their able leadership in getting the Draft Decision on the Arrangements for accreditation and participation of relevant non-governmental organizations and other major groups in the preparatory process and in the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States to this point.

The Group has accepted a "compromised" version of the draft Decision to show its support to Small Island Developing States and to ensure a successful Conference in Samoa.

I thank our developed partners for showing flexibility and in working closely with our Group to arrive at this version.

Thank you very much.