



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

17 January 2017

Excellency,

I 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 re-confirm the appointment of 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 as co-chairs of this Committee and I thank them for their continuous commitment and leadership on this issue.

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

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thomson'.

Peter Thomson

To all Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York