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AOSIS Closing Statement
Marrakech, Morocco

Co-Chairs,

On behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) thank you for your diligent leadership and skilled facilitation. As often is the case in this process, we always seem to have too much too accomplish with too little time to do it. However, climate change continues to proceed on its own relentless schedule and vulnerable communities continue to pay the biggest price.

It is our responsibility to keep this urgency at the top of our minds and work to implement the Paris Agreement in earnest. To that end, important work remains:

First, it will be critical to ensure that guidance on features, information, and accounting for NDCs help us accelerate our efforts to limit global temperature increases to no more than 1.5˚C. For adaptation it will be important to make progress on the guidance for adaptation communications. We look forward to the intersessional work that will build on the progress made here in Marrakech.

Second, developing the transparency framework of Paris Agreement will be an essential component of the Paris Rulebook.

Third, long-standing obstacles to fulfilling the Agreement remain. The delivery of the necessary means of implementation is critical for the full implementation of our NDCs, especially for vulnerable countries already struggling with climate impacts.

Fourth, we still need simplified procedures to help SIDS and LDCs access their fair share of much needed resources. We are also eager to initiate the discussions on how the Adaptation Fund can serve the Paris Agreement. For us, adaptation is a must!

Finally, as we know that our collective mitigation commitments fall well short of what is needed to avert catastrophic climate change, the Facilitated Dialogue in 2018 takes on urgent importance. We urge countries continue to ramp up their ambition and aim to overachieve year after year.

Thank you.