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Observer status for the Small Island Developing States Dock (SIDS DOCK) in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled “Observer status for the Small Island Developing States Dock (SIDS DOCK) in the General Assembly” was included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly at the request of Belize.
2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2020, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.
3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 14th and 19th meetings, on 6 and 19 November 2020. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee’s consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.¹
4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 9 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Belize to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([A/75/142](#)).

II. Consideration of draft resolution [A/C.6/75/L.5](#)

5. At the 14th meeting, on 6 November, the representative of Belize, also on behalf of Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Cabo Verde, the Comoros, Cuba, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Fiji, Germany, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Jamaica, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Palau, Papua New Guinea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Suriname, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu and Vanuatu, introduced a draft resolution entitled “Observer status for the Small Island Developing States Dock (SIDS DOCK)

¹ [A/C.6/75/SR.14](#) and [A/C.6/75/SR.19](#).



in the General Assembly” ([A/C.6/75/L.5](#)) and announced that Ireland, Italy, Portugal and Singapore had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

6. At the 19th meeting, on 19 November, the representative of Belize announced that Austria, Canada, Equatorial Guinea, the Republic of Moldova, Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Haiti and Spain also joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.6/75/L.5](#) without a vote (see para. 8).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

8. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the Small Island Developing States Dock (SIDS DOCK) in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the Small Island Developing States Dock (SIDS DOCK),

1. *Decides* to invite the Small Island Developing States Dock (SIDS DOCK) to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the action necessary to implement the present resolution.
