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QUESTION OF: **ENABLING SIDS TO COMBAT RISKS ASSOCIATED
WITH CLIMATE VARIABILITY AND
UNSUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PRACTICES**

The General Assembly,

Realising that small islands are threatened by the rise in sea level caused by global warming,

Deeply concerned by the fact that rising temperature is having unfortunate health impacts including the development and spread of vector borne diseases,

Emphasizing the fact that increasing ocean acidification is negatively impacting coral reefs resulting in higher intensity of tropical cyclones,

Noting further that modern agriculture is exploiting land more intensively than it has in the past,

Realising that our current unsustainable development practices have resulted in a rise in the loss of biodiversity,

Recognising that SIDS face numerous challenges related to freshwater resources including water pollution and water scarcity,

1. Encourages the government to implement measures to reduce greenhouse gases and short-lived climate pollutants such as black carbon;
2. Recommends the practice of the 3Rs; Reduce, Reuse and Recycle ;

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3. Requests the World Health Organisation (WHO) to join hands with the National Centre for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases and improved access to medication;
4. Urges member states to organise sensitisation campaigns to educate people about the repercussions of these diseases and how to combat them;
5. Further requests governments to educate people about ocean acidification;
6. Calls upon governments to enforce regulations on factories especially those using fossil fuels;
7. Expresses its conviction that with more Research and Development (R&D) activities, new methods to improve soil quality can be found;
8. Suggests training local people to use both traditional knowledge and modern science which will root sustainability in island communities;
9. Calls upon SIDS to encourage reforestation and prevent deforestation with more severe laws and regulations.
10. Further recommends ecological restoration and reclamation, both on the short term and long term;
11. Supports the development of institutional and human capacities for the effective, inclusive and sustainable implementation of the integrated management of water resources and related ecosystems;

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12. Expresses its hope in the provision, operation and maintenance of appropriate facilities and infrastructure for safe drinking water which are economically and environmentally feasible.