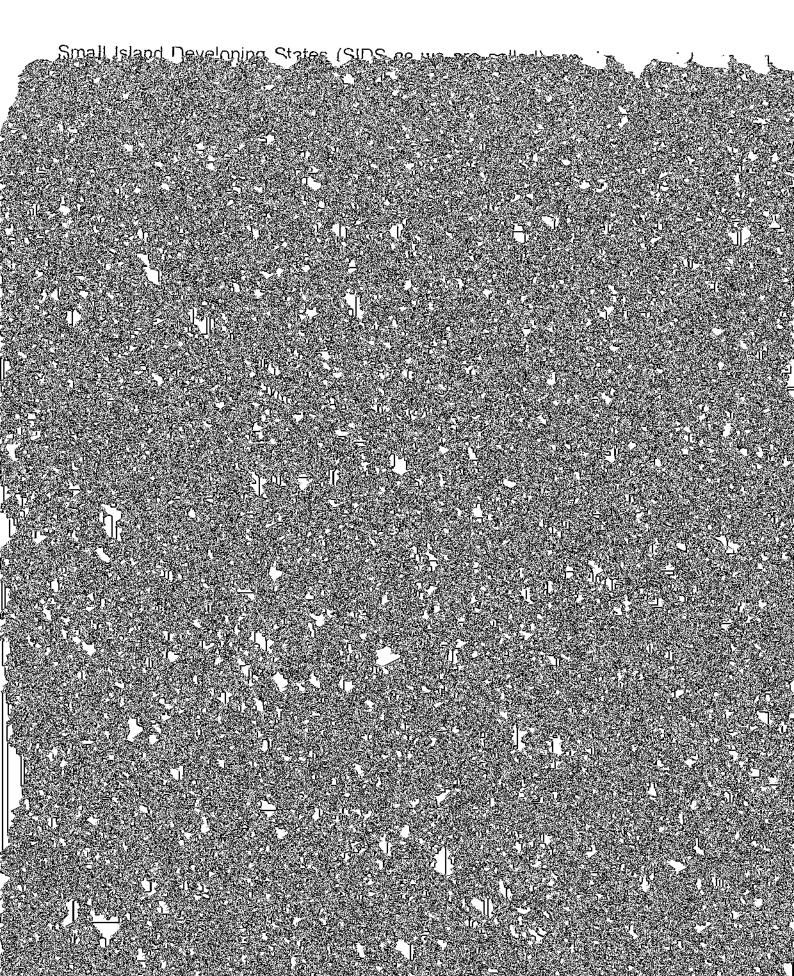


We are indeed gathered here to break new grounds in extending the frontier for a balanced global development and, from this perspective, my delegation aligns itself with the statement made on behalf of the G77 +China and the statement made by the Chair of the AOSIS.

There is no doubt that the awareness created by both the Monterrey and Doha conferences to mobilise financial resources for national development have paid dividends. However challenges do remain in areas such as tax reforms, good governance and financial probity.

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many Small Island Developing States, the consequences of climate change have become a survival issue.



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However, the road to prosperity and the full realisation of our potential cannot be travelled alone or in isolation. We will need all our partners whether they are developing or developed, and we shall assume our

