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PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MALDIVES  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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Excellency,

I write to you in my capacity as Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), to announce the fifth year of the AOSIS Climate Change Fellowship Programme. The Fellowship Programme brings young professionals from AOSIS countries to New York for a year of training on relevant issues of law, policy, and science to help in building capacity in AOSIS member constituents to engage on climate change issues.

This year, the Fellowship Programme welcomed an exceptional group of Fellows from Comoros, the Dominican Republic, Vanuatu, and Maldives. The Fellows support AOSIS at UNFCCC meetings and participate in a rigorous training programme, including classes at Columbia University.

In 2018, the Fellowship Programme will train a new group of Fellows in climate change issues and the UNFCCC process. With the consent of the Head of Mission, Fellows will work from their respective country's New York Mission and will work both on national and AOSIS priorities. The attached concept note provides more information about the Fellowship Programme and the criteria for candidates.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise the Government of Italy for its support of the AOSIS Climate Change Fellowship Programme for both 2017 and 2018.

The deadline to submit applications is October 10, 2017. Please send the candidate's Fellowship Application, cover letter, CV, and writing sample to our Fellowship Coordinator, Amelia Linn ([amelia.linn@aosis.org](mailto:amelia.linn@aosis.org)). We kindly ask that Missions submit only one candidate per country. Please note priority will be given to candidates from those Missions that have not yet hosted an AOSIS Fellow.

The new class of Fellows will begin on 16 January 2018, and a decision on which applicants are selected to participate in the fellowship are expected to be made by the AOSIS Bureau in November.

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

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