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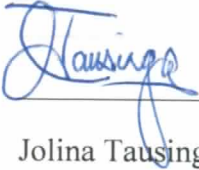
Dear Professor Mueller, Ambassador Felson and Mr. Fuller

The 2019 AOSIS Fellows representing Solomon Islands, Belize, Jamaica and Maldives wish to extend our deepest appreciation and gratitude to you for hosting the “Regional Training Workshop for the Caribbean” held in Tobago from 30th – 31st October 2019.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the opportunity to participate in the workshop targeting young professionals in the Caribbean, with the aim of building capacity in climate negotiations. These initiatives are limited in our respective regions which puts us at a disadvantage in the negotiations. We believe that the workshop enabled us to effectively support our delegations at COP25. As young professionals, the overarching view, as well as the in-depth analysis of thematic areas integral to SIDS were especially helpful in understanding both the technical and political dynamics of the negotiations. We were honored to have senior negotiators who willingly shared their invaluable knowledge on how to engage in the negotiation process as well as the intricacies and nuances of the UNFCCC. We take this opportunity to thank them for their openness and for making the session user-friendly.

We would like to thank the Chair of the AOSIS, Belize and the European capacity Building Initiative (ECBI) and its partners for making the training workshop possible. The workshop was extremely beneficial for us and we believe that other young professionals can benefit from this workshop in the future. We recommend that this workshop be replicated, ideally as an annual event, to enhance climate change capacity for young professionals in Small Island Developing States.

Kind regards,



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