

implementation of the programme of action, there remains much to be done. We believe the programme of action has stood the test of time and

that its pre-existing track should be used to progress the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Madam President, like other Small Island Developing States, Fiji is faced with implementation challenges imposed by geography and demographics. Our country is made up of over 300 islands and our

development issues for the new Constitution enshrines a broad range of

civil, political and socio-economic rights. It is for instance now incumbent upon Government to ensure the right to education, the right to economic participation and of special relevance to today's gathering, the right to health. Under section 31 of the Constitution, the State is required to take reasonable measures to achieve the conditions and ~~facilities for the good health of all citizens and to provide health care~~

services, including reproductive health care. To complement the Fijian government's work towards the progressive realization of all human rights, concerted action by the international community through support of such national efforts is required.

The Government of Fiji recognizes the importance of having a people-centered approach to development that addresses social exclusion as a ~~priority. The marginalized within society including the disabled, the~~

that statistical data from the Pacific Islands region is patchy or often listed as missing. We therefore stress the importance of timely and appropriately disaggregated and verified data from our region being represented in the design of evidence-based programs and development planning. This recurring problem is by no means insurmountable, thus