Mr President,

1. Singapore aligns itself with the statement made by Nauru on behalf of the AOSIS, and would like to make some additional remarks in our national capacity in support of the resolution.

Mr President,

2. It was just over two months ago that Samoa hosted the highly successful Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States held in Apia, from 1 to 4 September 2014. At the outset, my delegation would like to thank the government and the people of Samoa for their wonderful hospitality and for going out of their way to ensure that the Conference was a resounding success.

3. The adoption of the SAMOA Pathway by the Conference was the culmination of many months of hard work by all stakeholders involved. It was also a testament to the goodwill and spirit of international cooperation that was so evident during the negotiation process. As Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee of the Conference, Singapore was privileged to play a small role, by ensuring that the negotiations on the SAMOA Pathway were concluded in a timely fashion in New York, ahead of the Conference itself.

Mr President,

4. Now that the Conference is over, we need to focus on the full implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and the operationalization of the many
partnerships launched at the Conference. In this regard, Singapore sees the adoption of the SAMOA Pathway by the General Assembly as a crucial milestone and a step forward in the implementation process. The adoption by the General Assembly will further signal the international community’s commitment and resolve in ensuring the full implementation of the SAMOA Pathway.

5 Looking ahead, we also need to keep up the momentum that has been generated so far, and focus our minds on putting in place concrete programmes towards the realisation of the SAMOA Pathway.

6 To this end, Singapore is happy to do its part to realise the SAMOA Pathway. Singapore has prepared a dedicated three-year technical cooperation package for SIDS, under the Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP), to provide more customised technical assistance and fellowships in areas that are relevant to SIDS’ capacity building needs. This includes customised programmes for senior SIDS officials, in areas such as sustainable development and climate change, disaster management and public health, and non-traditional security. Singapore will also offer one hundred and fifty civil aviation fellowships for courses at the Singapore Aviation Academy and thirty fellowship awards for the Maritime Public Leaders’ Programme, conducted by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore.

7 We hope that these programmes will contribute meaningfully to the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway through capacity building and increasing resilience. Singapore stands ready to work with our fellow SIDS and other partners in realising the SAMOA Pathway.

8 I thank you.