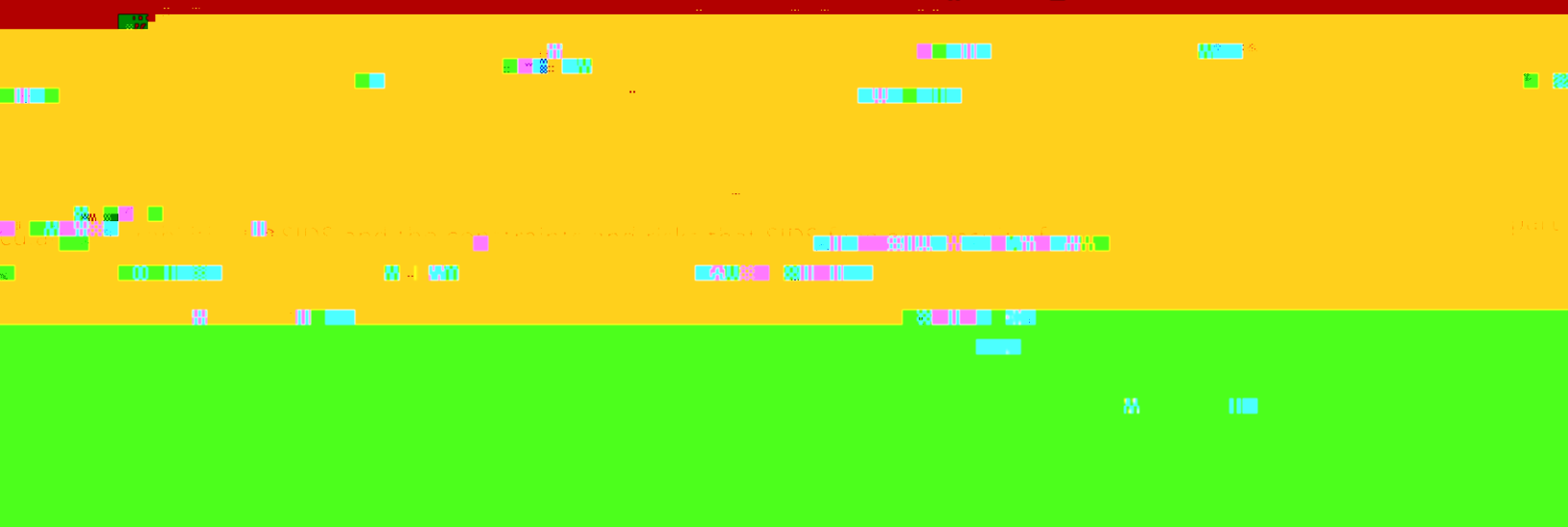


highly dependent on the international community for their sustenance.

3. AOSIS member States recognize the need for the immediate removal of the nuclear weapons and other nuclear facilities, and the elimination of the dangerous and destabilizing nuclear weapons.

4. AOSIS member States are committed to the achievement of a world free of nuclear weapons. Such a world is a world where the nuclear arms race has been ended, and the nuclear weapons stockpiles have been eliminated. The complete and verifiable elimination of nuclear weapons is the only way to ensure the security of all States, and the only way to ensure the security of the world.

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indeed, with the increase in environmental stressors, they have only worsened. More and more these stressors – climate change, ocean acidification, depletion of marine

8. Since the Earth Summit in 1992¹ the international community has given special attention

12. Before closing I wish to express our Members' appreciation to all contributors to the Voluntary Trust Fund for Participation and to encourage continued support for the Fund.
13. Finally, I assure you that AOSIS will continue to work constructively with you to ensure that we deliver a universal BBNJ agreement. As always, you have our full support and confidence in leading this process to a successful conclusion. I thank you.