Intervention on Streamlined Text for 9 (a) Plastic Waste Management

Thank you Mr. Co-facilitator,

The Republic of the Marshall Islands takes the floor on behalf of the Pacific Small Islands Developing States, agree to the streamlined text that you have presented before us as we see it as a basis for our discussions going forward.

We support option 1 as a good basis for further discussions and would like to stress on Option 1 paragraph 2 to ensure aligning procedures/guidelines of other relevant MEAs to complement what we are trying to achieve under this item.

Furthermore, Pacific SIDS recognizes that an effective waste management system, or any regulations of dangerous waste management practices, must be based on sound scientific evidence considering existing relevant processes, frameworks, conventions and facilitate a just transition. This must be coupled with effective provisions on means of implementation for SIDS including priority access for SIDS to technology for Waste Management and the relevant stages of the waste hierarchy.

Thank you, co-facilitator.