



PACIFIC SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES

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Talofa Co-Chair, Tuvalu is speaking on behalf of the 14 Pacific Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

We align ourselves with the intervention made by Samoa on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States in agreeing to use the proposed text in the 3rd Non-Paper.

Saying that we note that a section on fishing gear has been removed entirely from the 3rd Non-Paper. This is disappointing as this is a major concern for Pacific Small Island Developing States. Therefore we would like to see a reinstatement of fishing gear in this article. We would be open to working with others on language.

“Like the UK and NZ, we see value in adding the notion of prevention in this article and would like to add “prevent” before manage in Para 1, after reduce. We believe adding a degree of prevention is important to achieve the objective of our instrument.

We want to add handling in para 1, after storage: during product handling, there can be releases, and that needs to be addressed.

In para 2, we think that in addition to the listing, we would like to include references to “frameworks”

PSIDS reflection on the Chair’s 3rd Non-paper. **The suggested wording are in red.**

1. Each Party shall take measures to manage, reduce, **prevent** and where possible, eliminate emissions and releases to the atmosphere, soil, water and marine environment from the production, storage, **handling** and transportation, use and end-of-life management of

(a) Chemicals and polymers of concern as listed in Annex [A] and used in the production of plastic products,

(b) Products containing plastics from all sources and fragments thereof,

(c) Microplastics and nano-plastics from all sources, including pellets, flakes and powders.

2. In implementing its obligation pursuant to paragraph 1, each party shall take into account, as appropriate, relevant international rules, standards, **frameworks** and guidelines.

3. The Conference of the Parties shall, at its first meeting, adopt **guidance standards and guidelines** on best available techniques assistance and best **sound** environmental **and sustainable** practices on preventing emissions and releases into the environment, as well as guidance, including, where relevant, on a sectorial basis, to facilitate implementation of the obligation set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this article.]

Thank you Co-Chair