Intervention by the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS) at INC-4

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Thank you, co-facilitator, speaking on behalf of the Pacific SIDS.

Part IV Item 5: International Cooperation

The Pacific SIDS continue to support this provision. On OP4, we strongly believe that the list of bodies involved should be wide-ranging and non-exhaustive, beyond BRS and Montreal, not confined solely to scientific and technical bodies. Including a broader spectrum of bodies will only enhance the treaty's implementation and promotion across all relevant contexts, ensuring comprehensive and effective cooperation.

Part IV Item 6: Information Exchange

We had initially wanted to merge Item 6 and 7 in this part since they are interconnected and address the same concept. Merging was reflected in Item 7 Option 3 in the RZD and we still support that idea. As PSIDS has said before - we reiterate our position in retaining the language with regards to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs).

In merging Items 6 and 7 - please see Option 3, OP4 of RZD. We support the establishment of a central virtual platform managed by the Secretariat to serve as an information hub. We also advocate for the implementation of a clearinghouse mechanism to facilitate information exchange and coordination effectively.

Just in relation to transparency which is an alt title in this section - we think this is important but goes beyond just ‘information exchange’ and we want to see it prominently in this instrument. We are still considering the best placement, linked to the overarching comments on streamlining, that AOSIS and my colleague from Fiji mentioned in the previous items.