OBJECTIVE

Thank you, co-chair,

The Cook Islands aligns with the statement read by Samoa for AOSIS, and Tuvalu for the Pacific SIDS.

Furthermore, we propose to make two additions.

Firstly, is to insert human rights to the first sentence of Option 1 to read “is to protect human health, human rights, and the environment.

Secondly, the reference to “other aquatic as well as terrestrial ecosystems” in the second and third line of Option 1, excludes atmosphere and cryosphere. We therefore propose to add this text, “in all ecosystems”.

Thank you.