Statement by the Pacific Small Island Developing States on EPR

(Part II, Item 7 Text Proposal for SG1.3)

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Solomon Islands is speaking on behalf of Pacific SIDs,

The Pacific SIDS are net importers of products and we have are very small or non-existent producers of plastic products. Therefore we encourage an advance recovery fee and deposit scheme.

Our proposed text is reflected in Option 1.

(1) PSIDs position reads: Each Party is encouraged to establish and operate a national Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) system with flexibility in the scope application including where relevant on a sectoral bases.

Under Objectives our text is found in the words:

(to incentivize plastic reduction increased reuse, recyclability, promote high quality and higher recycling rates, just transition with special consideration of waste pickers.

-enhance the accountability of producers and importers for safe and environmentally sound management, of plastics and plastic products throughout their life cycle and across international supply chains, promoting plastic reuse, increased recyclability and higher recycling rates for
plastics and plastic products

We see merit with Kenya’s text as set out in 1 Bis.

We would like to retain 2.4 and 2.5.

Thank you.

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