Submission by Samoa, on behalf of the small island developing states at the Fourth Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment

Part 1

5. Scope

1. Explanatory text

Resolution 5/14 already prescribes the Scope of the international legally binding instrument. It includes the necessary actions across the full life cycle of plastics to achieve the ultimate objective of ending plastic pollution, including in the marine environment. Specific text or provisions clarifying/refining substantive obligations, including on the substances, materials, products and behaviours to be targeted, would be more appropriately situated elsewhere in the Instrument. It is not considered critical to establish an article on the Scope but rather for us to engage in discussion on the type, format and structure of the potential obligations and interventions across the life cycle of plastics.

2. Proposed text/edits