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PART II ARTICLE 2 CHEMICALS AND POLYMERS OF CONCERN

Thank you, Co-chair.

The Cook Islands is pleased to intervene on behalf of the 14 Pacific SIDS.

Chemicals and polymers of concern pose significant risks to human health and the environment.

The Pacific SIDS firmly seek high ambition on this element and emphasize on the need for a global mechanism that will effectively address chemicals and polymers of concern through this legally binding instrument, while accommodating the unique circumstances and challenges faced by Pacific SIDS.

Option 1, para 1, 2, 3 of the streamlined text on Chemicals and Polymers of Concern, include our preferred text for this article.

This instrument will provide a regulatory framework for the listing, regulation, and monitoring of Chemicals and Polymers of Concern.

We highlight the importance of providing explicit definitions and underscores the importance of border product testing capabilities.

Additionally, we suggest procedures for parties to propose new substances for regulation, outline enhanced roles for the governing body, including the adoption of indicative criteria for future listings, a licensing system, and an exemption process in a transparent manner.

Therefore the Pacific SIDS look forward to a revised streamlined version for a more ambitious Option 1 by capturing these missing elements.

Thank you Chair