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Thank you co-facilitator,

We thank Kenya for proposing text for Micro- and nanoplastics.

The Cook Islands is pleased to intervene on behalf of the 14 Pacific SIDs on 3bis.

Primary, and intentionally added micro and nano plastics enter into the environment and our bodies everyday where they persist indefinitely, releasing the chemicals they contain.

In recognition of the complexity of the sources of micro and nano plastics, we wish to eliminate both intentionally added microplastics and all forms of releases of micro and nano plastics, we supporting the intervention from the European Union on 3b and their explanation of the definitions of microplastics on their own and intentionally added microplastics.

It is imperative that clear definitions for Micro plastics be established that could include Nano Plastics.

We further note we would support specific references to the management of secondary micro and nano plastics in the following provisions the problematic and avoidable plastic products (Part II Item 3), design (Part II item 5), we also take comments provided the United States that unintended microplastics would be best addressed in Part II item 8 in emissions. and transparency (Item 13) provisions to ensure the appropriate full management and reduction of this damaging form of plastic pollution.

We would like to see clear linkages to these provisions.

Thank you co-facilitator