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The **Pacific Small Island Developing States** propose the following edits for article 19 of the INC Chair's third non-paper, as reflected in Track Changes:

ARTICLE 19

1. Parties are encouraged to:

- (a) Promote the development and implementation of strategies and programmes to identify and protect populations at risk, particularly vulnerable populations, and which may include adopting science-based [and knowledge-based] health guidelines relating to the exposure to plastic pollution, in particular microplastics and related issues, setting targets for their exposure reduction, where appropriate, public [awareness and] education, with the participation of public health and other involved sectors;
- (b) Promote the development and implementation of science-based [and knowledge-based] educational and [safety] programmes on occupational exposure and risk to plastic pollution, in particular microplastics [and plastic products and chemicals of concern] and related issues;
- (c) Promote appropriate [and accessible] health-care services for prevention, treatment and care for populations affected by the exposure [to all emissions and releases of plastic pollution] to plastic pollution, in particular [plastic products and chemicals of concern], microplastics and related issues; and
- (d) Establish and strengthen, as appropriate, the institutional and health professional capacities for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and monitoring [and evaluation] of health risks [and impacts to populations at risk] related to the exposure to plastic pollution, in particular microplastics and related issues.