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The **Pacific Small Island Developing States** propose the following comments and edits for Article 3 of the submission by Brazil and Republic of Korea:

We thank our colleagues from Brazil and Republic of Korea for this submission for discussions

The Cook Islands are intervening on behalf of the 14 Pacific SIDs.

Firstly, we align with AOSIS on that the subsidiary body proposed in para 3 should be played by the STEPS as proposed by AOSIS in Article 20bis

Moving on to the text proposal itself - here are some general remarks;

As raised in discussions in Article 5 - Small island states as net - importer/consumer have to rely on transparency provisions to ensure the necessary safeguards are in place.

The current text does not reflect the will of the ambitious majority to ban and phase out the most harmful plastic products at the global level.

In addition to national measures to address problematic products as appropriate, there must be a global binding obligation.

Second, the article must contain clear criteria to identify the products that are the highest risk to entering and harming the environment and can already be feasibly eliminated.

Finally, the article should contain an initial list of products, and enable a non-burdensome process for listing future products.

Moving on to suggested text edits:

Paragraph 5

We propose to insert complementarity where there is a reference to transparent and scientifically sound manner by inserting the formulation of Traditional Knowledge/Indigenous Knowledge/Local Knowledge from the UNEA resolution 5/14.

Paragraph 6

In line with the formulation of Traditional Knowledge/Indigenous Knowledge/Local Knowledge from the UNEA resolution 5/14, as well as to place the reference to “relevant” in a different place in the sub-paragraph to clarify that relevance pertains to the knowledges under consideration rather than “where” such knowledges might be sourced or applied.