Delivered by Solomon Islands on behalf of Pacific SIDS.

**Intervention on Capacity building, technical assistance and Technology Transfer:**

On behalf of the 14 Pacific Small Islands Developing States (PSIDS), Solomon Islands supports Samoa’s intervention on behalf of AOSIS.

Pacific SIDS support OP1 reflecting our emphasis on the importance of capacity building, technical assistance and technology transfer in the implementation of the future treaty on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.

We also see merit in OP2 bis reiterating the comments made by Samoa on behalf of AOSIS. Any capacity building, technical assistance and technology transfer initiatives shall be determined by existing and potential needs and priorities of Parties and delivered through existing subregional and regional centres.

As Pacific SIDS, we are constantly under-resourced, constrained by capacity due to little or no technical assistance as well as not having the requisite technology to address plastic pollution in our small islands.

Thank you.