



## PACIFIC SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES

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The **Pacific Small Island Developing States** and **Mexico** propose the following edits for article 17 of the INC Chair's third non-paper, as reflected in Track Changes:

### **ARTICLE 17**

[1. Each Party, in accordance with guidance recommended by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical, Socioeconomic, and Cultural Advice and adopted by the Conference of the Parties, shall facilitate exchange of information relevant to the implementation of the Convention, such as:

- (a) Best practices and policies on sustainable consumption and production of plastic;
- (b) Research, technologies, innovation, and green chemistry; and
- (c) Scientific and technical knowledge, ~~including~~ traditional knowledge, indigenous knowledgeknowledge of Indigenous Peoples, and local knowledge systems, inter alia, on environmentally sound waste management, sources of plastic pollution, human and fauna and flora exposure to plastic pollution, health and environmental impacts and the associated risk management and pollution reduction options.

2. Each Party shall designate a national focal point for the exchange of information under this Convention, including with regard to the written consent of importing Parties and non-Parties under [paragraph 3 of Article 8 Waste Management].

3. Parties may exchange the information referred to in paragraph 1 directly , or through an online clearinghouse to be maintained by the secretariat in cooperation with other relevant international instruments and organizations, as appropriate.

4. Parties are encouraged to learn from and build on existing ongoing processes, initiatives and networks to share knowledge, and highlight successes, including examples of replicating and scaling sustainable solutions.

5. For the purposes of this Convention, Parties exchanging information pursuant to this Convention shall protect any confidential information as mutually agreed, except that information on health and safety of humans and the environment shall not be regarded as confidential, and shall also handle traditional knowledge, knowledge of Indigenous Peoples, and local knowledge systems in accordance with relevant national legislation, international instruments, including the United Nations Declarations on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and human rights lawindigenous knowledge in a manner consistent with relevant international norms or standards.]