



**Contact Group 2
Statement by Samoa on behalf of SIDS
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Art 9. Existing Plastic Pollution

We thank the co-chairs for this proposal, however we don't think that this article reflects the SIDS concerns at all. Nor is this sufficiently robust to deal with the epidemic of plastic pollution that is already in our environment and disproportionately affecting SIDS.

In para 1, this should be a legally binding obligation. The para should start with "parties shall, individually and collectively"

In para 1b, "taking into account the special circumstances of SIDS" at the end

We would like to add a 1 bis that would read: "A remediation mechanism is hereby established to support the remediation of existing plastic pollution in the marine environment, in particular areas beyond national jurisdiction, taking into account relevant provisions of international agreements, and in cooperation and coordination with relevant intergovernmental organisations, processes and frameworks."

We would add a 2bis that reads: "A remediation trust fund is hereby established, utilising both public and private sources of finance, to support the activities of the remediation mechanism."

Finally, in para 4, after Conference of the Parties, we would add, "through the subsidiary body on scientific, technical, socio-economic and cultural advice"