Mr Co-facilitator,
Tuvalu delivers this intervention on behalf of the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS). We support the intervention made by Samoa on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island Developing States (AOSIS).

The Pacific SIDS urge the Committee to ensure we develop a legally binding agreement which includes provisions to assist impacted States to address existing plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.

As large ocean states, we are recipients of plastic products in the form of transboundary plastic waste in addition to those that are imported for our necessary use.

The Pacific is home to both the North and South plastic gyros, and fighting plastic on two fronts: domestic terrestrial waste, and foreign marine plastic pollution.

As Small Island Developing States, it is already a challenge to manage our own plastic waste, and is an injustice to expect small island developing states to continue to manage others plastic waste, especially when we contribute to less than 1.3% of the total plastic problem.

Mr Co-facilitator, this provision is of high importance to the Pacific SIDS, considering the disproportionate impacts of plastic pollution on our marine environments. We believe that remediation of plastic, needs to be a priority to achieve the objectives of this instrument.

On OP1 of the streamlined revised text, we support more binding language, requiring all parties to take responsibility and urgent action to address existing plastic pollution, including in the marine environment. As such, we propose the following modifications:

1. In Op 1 sub-para b, we would like to add the text "disproportionate burden" in addition to the text "disproportionate impacts".
2. In para 1, we prefer OP 1 C Alt over Op 1 C. Additionally, we would like to replace the word "promote" to the word "ensure" as we value the need to protect human health and the environment in our approach to address existing plastic pollution.

Mr Co-Facilitator, we will submit our text proposals to the portal for your consideration.
I thank you