

Contact Group 4 Statement by Samoa on behalf of Small Island Developing States INC-5

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Art 15 - Reporting

- 1. On behalf of the SIDS, we generally agree with the Chair's approach. We think that there should be an obligation on all states to report. Of course, there must be appropriate flexibility and sufficient support for capacity constrained states, like SIDS.
- 2. There must be consistency and synergy among reporting, finance, effectiveness evaluation, implementation and compliance. This would be critical toward achieving the distinct functions of these elements, but also how they operate together.
- 3. The text at INC5 could be made stronger by specifying the minimum elements to be included in reports, as has been suggested by other states. We think the minimum elements include best available data and information nationally on plastic pollution and progress in actions, best practices and solutions, as well as the provision of finance and receipt of finance. If there is not sufficient time to do that here, we could support the suggestions by others for clear guidance developed at COP1. We think that there should be a facilitative and flexible review and consideration process for these reports.