Submission by Samoa, on behalf of the small island developing states at the Fourth Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment

Part II

4. Exemptions available to a party

Textual Suggestions

1. Any Party may register, in accordance with the provisions of Part II.2 an exemption from the phase-out dates listed in Part II in annex B for specific chemicals, polymers and plastic products, hereafter referred to as an “exemption”, in accordance with the criteria procedure set out by the Conference of Parties, except where the plastic products, chemicals and polymers are harmful to human health or the environment at any stage of the plastic lifecycle, based on strong scientific evidence, the knowledge and inputs of Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

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