Statement by the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS) at INC-4

In – Session: Subgroup 1.2

Delivered by: Vanuatu on behalf of the Pacific Small Island Developing States

Part II, Item 4: Exemptions Available to a Party Upon Request

Thank you, Co-facilitator, Vanuatu is making this intervention on behalf of the Pacific SIDs.

We support the intervention made by AOSIS and are happy to work on the basis of Option 1, and request exemptions shall not be granted on chemicals or polymers that are harmful to human health and the environment. We further note that detailed discussions on exemptions are underpinned by textual discussions on Parts 2 and 3 and therefore cannot be completed until details are confirmed on these items.

Pacific SIDS also request a clear set of procedures to be established and utilized by the validation body when considering any exemption applications.

Thank you again Co-Facilitator.