Cook Islands Government

Contact Group1: Part II, Item 10, Trade in listed chemicals, polymers, products etc.

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Thank you Co-facilitator.

The Cook Islands aligns with the statement for AOSIS by Samoa and PSIDS by the Solomon Islands. We would like to make this intervention on Article 10 Trade in listed chemicals, polymers and products, and in plastic waste, specifically on the inclusion of a non-party trade provision in this article.

Non-party trade provisions help promote economic cooperation and discourage non-parties from exploiting the benefits without committing to the agreed-upon rules.

Hence, we would support the inclusion of a non-party trade provision to help foster a more reliable and equitable global trade environment, ensuring that all participating parties uphold their commitments and contribute to the sustained success of the agreement.

Without such a measure, taken to protect the environment and human health, there will be continued trade of toxic waste. There must be strict enforcement to ensure that any trade in plastic waste with non-Parties ensures a minimum equivalent standard to how Parties treat plastic waste.

There are non-party trade provisions in other MEAs, that can be used as a basis for consideration while identifying specific areas not covered, to be reflected in this instrument. We can submit text on the non-party trade provision to the Secretariat.

Thank you Co-Facilitator.