From: Fiji Delegation

To: UNEP Secretariat (INC Plastics Statements)

Subject: Intersessional work identified during discussions of Contact Groups 1 and 2

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1. Thank you Mr. Co-facilitator.

2. Fiji aligns with the proposal delivered by Samoa on behalf of AOSIS.

3. My delegation cannot emphasize enough the need for upstream measures to ending plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, therefore, Fiji supports the proposal by Switzerland and Cook Islands on intersessional work on chemicals, polymers and products of concern.

4. The intersessional work is to identify the necessary measures especially on categories of substances, materials and products to be regulated under the international legally binding instrument using a sectoral approach - including an assessment of appropriate substitutes and alternatives, and potential definitions and criteria, including those through existing and relevant established global standards.

5. Fiji supports Samoa on behalf of AOSIS, Brazil and other members on the use of expert groups and ad hoc open-ended intersessional work to explore the relevant elements.

6. Fiji would like to stress the need to expand discussion on the potential financial mechanism and its modalities to support implementation and compliance with the obligations of the new instrument.

7. I thank you Mr. Co-facilitator.