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**Thank you, Mr. Co-facilitator,**

Palau aligns with the statements delivered by Samoa on behalf of AOSIS, and Tuvalu on behalf of PSIDS.

We subscribe to option 1 – which mirrors the UNEA 5/14’s mandate to end plastic pollution based on a full life approach. We do add that we would add elements of 1.2 and 1.3. For sake of clarity, the proposed text is:

“The objective of this instrument is to end plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, in order to protect human health and the environment, based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastic through the prevention, progressive reduction and elimination of plastic pollution”, as submitted by AOSIS and PSIDS.

We do believe a time bind of 2040 – we see this being useful in 2030 SDGs as well as 2050 in the Paris Agreement, it is important to get us to focus and implement it, however, we are flexible to move the time bind goal to another part of the instrument given the views on validity in the objective.