Statement by the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS) at INC-3

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Mr. Chair,

I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the 14 Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS), we align ourselves with the statement made by Samoa on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States.

PSIDS supports the provisions in the Transparency, tracking, monitoring and labelling item. To effectively manage plastic pollution, it is important to require producers and importers to disclose the chemical composition of all plastics and plastic products throughout their life cycle, ensure the traceability of chemicals, polymers, and plastic contents of products throughout their life cycle, establish marking and labelling requirements for plastics and plastic products, monitor and track the types and volumes of production, imports, and exports of chemicals and polymers used in the production of plastics and plastic products, and report the information collected to the governing body in a standardized format. These requirements are essential for developing and implementing a comprehensive approach to addressing the problem of plastic pollution.

While there are significant challenges associated with implementing the measures outlined in Part II Article 13 of the treaty, PSID would like to emphasize the potential long-term benefits and the importance of international cooperation and capacity building for the Pacific region. Addressing the unique vulnerabilities of the Pacific island nations will be crucial in ensuring that the measures are effectively implemented and contribute to sustainable development in the region.

Thank you