Statement by the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS) at INC-3
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Thank you co-facilitator,

It is an honour for me to speak on behalf of the 14 Pacific Small Island Developing States and we align with the statement by Samoa on behalf of AOSIS.

The plastic crisis will not be resolved by governments alone or by legal means alone. We need a revolution in how we produce, how we consume, and what we value. And this revolution requires awareness and education. Having stakeholders informed about the impacts of plastic pollution on the environment, on biodiversity, on their health, as well as providing them with adequate understanding and tools with regards to the solution against these impacts will be critical to turn the tide.

Therefore, we agree with the ideas captured in the 3 paragraphs of this item.

I thank you.