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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.

We have generally no issues with the 5 paragraphs in this item and could go along with the idea expressed.

We cannot solve the plastic crisis alone. To end plastic pollution and tackle the full life cycle of plastics requires cooperation at all levels and across various stakeholders: between Parties, with and between other international, regional, subregional or sectoral organizations, as well as with and between various stakeholders.

We also need consistency across different sectors. Therefore, it will also be our responsibility as Parties of the future Agreement to ensure that we promote the objectives of this agreement in other legally binding frameworks and instruments.

Furthermore, while our group is very committed to robust measures, we are also mindful that our special circumstances as SIDS will make the implementation of our obligations difficult. This is why international cooperation is critical to provide adequate technology, capacity, and enable the development of knowledge through research and investment in innovation. As we are all in this together, exchange of information will be key to share best practices and technologies.

In that regard, scientific advice will be critical, as well as the consideration of traditional knowledge, knowledge of Indigenous Peoples, and local knowledge systems in finding solutions to effectively address the plastic crisis. In that regard, their inputs to relevant scientific and technical bodies will be critical.

I thank you.