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.

Stakeholder engagement, as a means of implementation and an implementation measure, is critical in this instrument given the adverse impacts of plastic pollution is indiscriminate and cuts across our key economic sectors such as agriculture and fisheries.

Our Leaders commitment for a regional framework that is inclusive and reaches all relevant stakeholders at the regional and national level is reflected in our 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent. It is our regional roadmap that addresses all challenges to our region from security, economic growth, infrastructure development to environment, principally the triple planetary crisis. Our approach to tackling these challenges is through regional collaboration supported by stakeholder engagement.

The implementation of this instrument requires partnership at all levels. Plastic pollution is our shared and common challenge that requires strong engagement by all relevant stakeholders. This is why we support the text in item 7 and the development of a multilateral action agenda to bring together stakeholders to actively participate, form and strengthen partnerships to implement this instrument.

For Small Islands Developing States, stakeholder engagement is necessary for us due to our special circumstances that we are not able to do this alone. We strongly believe in partnerships and the importance of engaging our relevant stakeholders because without them, there is no support. Stakeholder engagement is leaving no one behind.

I thank you.