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It is an honour for me to speak on behalf of the 14 Pacific Small Island Developing States.

Multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) are effective when there are robust mechanisms for implementation and compliance. The development of an implementation and compliance mechanism for this instrument is essential to promote implementation of the instrument and compliance of the key measures at the global and national level.

We support the establishment of a committee with clear terms of reference and objectives. Membership on the committee must fairly represent the existing regional groupings, including specific representation for SIDS, underscoring the importance of recognising the special circumstances of SIDS in this context. The Montreal Protocol provides a good starting point on the scope and responsibilities, membership and composition of such a committee established under this instrument.

The establishment of a committee, its composition and membership and clear terms of reference is an opportunity for developing countries particularly SIDS to be visible and engaged in the implementation and compliance mechanism of this instrument.

We urge Member States to support the implementation and compliance mechanism through establishing a committee as custodians of this instrument to ensure the spirit of ending plastic pollution is intact.

I thank you.