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

National plans are integral implementation measures to meet the commitments and obligations of this instrument. These national plans set out national activities to implement the key objectives of this instrument and more importantly, Parties’ expression of how the instrument is implemented at the national level.

We support the development of national plans under this instrument as a key fulfilment of the obligations. These national plans should have clear goals and targets that are measurable, targeted and timebound to support Parties’ request for financial support, capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer.

We further support the inclusion of promoting education and awareness programmes and research and innovation in the national plans. As PSIDS, better understanding and knowledge of the impacts of plastic pollution, changing mindsets and educating local populations, communities and citizens on the key objectives of this instrument and promoting research informs key policy development and influences decision making and planning.

As PSIDS, we urge Member States in their respective capacity and capabilities to support Parties’ development of national plans to achieve the goal of this instrument to end plastic pollution.

I thank you.