Statement by the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS) at INC-3

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

PSIDS continues to consider both options, noting that there must be specific support for SIDS to facilitate compliance with reporting obligations.

It is important that the reporting framework for statistical data establishes baselines and inventories, that allows for monitoring of trends and facilitates implementation and compliance.

To this end, reporting of information/statistical data should:

1. cover each stage of the lifecycle of plastic as well as specific sources and sectors;
2. be regularly undertaken, such as annually or biennially; and
3. be standardised, subject to modalities and formats adopted by the governing body.

Reporting should cover production, imports and exports of types and quantities of primary plastic polymers, which would also then allow for Parties to determine consumption. Reporting should provide information on plastic use of types and quantities by market segment, for example packaging, building and construction, automotive, electrical and electronic, household and leisure sports, agriculture, appliances, mechanical engineering and medical.

Given the importance of reporting across the full lifecycle of plastic, we want an approach that would ensure each lifecycle stage is subject to reporting.

In light of the special circumstances of SIDS, we support harmonised templates as long as such templates are adequate to cover the various life stages of plastic and different national specificities. We would like to also see the reporting form the subject of intersessional work as it is an essential element in the treaty.
As PSIDS, we urge Member States in their respective capacity and capabilities to support Parties’ development of transparent reporting to achieve the goal of this instrument to end plastic pollution.

I thank you.