

Please find below additional comments from SPREP. This was not raised on the floor to give countries more opportunity to speak.

Speaking on behalf of the Pacific Island countries, an additional challenge to the SIDS apart from proximity of waste management centres to the ocean is the inappropriateness of disposal systems to contain incoming wastes to the disposal sites increasing likelihood of leakage of pollutants such as plastics and other marine debris to the marine ecosystem. While there are improvements in collection, disposal is very challenging due to insufficient land mass and certain land tenure system which prevents expansion or relocation of existing disposal sites. It is very important for PICTs to look at diversion of as much waste materials away from the disposal sites as possible.