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Thank you Mr. Vice President,

I take the floor on behalf of the Pacific SIDS, as the Blue Pacific, to thank you, the President 14 Pacific island developing states - Large Ocean States covering more than 20 million square kilometres of Ocean.

Vice President,

It is the final day of the Conference, and this is the first time PSIDS has taken the floor in

legally binding instrument under UNCLOS