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Speaking on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat I feel it is important to highlight that the Pacific region has existing regional mechanisms that can be used for the monitoring and review or follow up and review of the post-2015 agenda and SDGs.

Last year, our Leaders endorsed the Framework for Pacific Regionalism, which replaced the Pacific Plan, as the main regional mechanism to identify the Pacific's key regional priorities.

In addition, through the Forum Compact on Strengthening Development Coordination, working closely with our development partners and other Pacific regional organisations such as the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, we have since 2009 reported annually to Forum Leaders the Pacific region's progress on the MDGs, as well as the effectiveness of our development efforts in the region.

Through the Forum Compact, we also have a Peer Review mechanism, including a feedback loop, with the main aim of strengthening national systems of planning, budgeting, public financial management and aid coordination. 13 Pacific island countries and 2 development partners have completed peer reviews under the Forum Compact. These peer reviews also include engagement with civil society and the private sector.

Therefore, the Pacific is well placed to use these regional platforms to address the monitoring and review or follow up and review of the post 2015 agenda and SDGs.

We would urge that existing regional platforms are used to avoid duplication and to avoid adding to the already high reporting burden of Pacific small island developing states.

Thank you.